

—AND *THEN* TRY!

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TOLL OF GERMAN BOMBERS

Four Shot Down In Raids On East Coast

Isolated Nazi Attacks Yesterday

OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF THE DESTRUCTION OF A GERMAN BOMBER, AS WELL AS THE SHOOTING DOWN OF TWO FIGHTER-BOMBERS AND ONE FIGHTER, IS GIVEN IN AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE.

The communique states that yesterday morning a single enemy bomber dropped bombs in a town on the East Coast, damaging some houses and utility services and starting a fire which was soon put out. There was a small number of casualties.

R.A.F. fighters shot down a bomber off the Suffolk coast.

There was little other enemy air activity over Britain yesterday. A few bombs were dropped in Kent but little damage and no serious casualties were reported.

In the afternoon R.A.F. fighters, without loss to themselves, shot down two enemy fighter-bombers in the outer Thames Estuary, and an enemy fighter off the Kent coast.

Convoys, aerodromes and towns in south-east and east England were the main objectives of the German hit-and-run raids, which cost them four planes.

Burma Squadron

A Dornier 17 which bombed an East Anglian town in the morning, says the Air Ministry, was chased out to sea and shot down by two Hurricane pilots of a Burma squadron.

The pilots saw the bomber trying to sneak through the clouds at 3,000 feet and closed in on either side of him.

Both pilots, worrying the Dornier like terriers, registered hits which sent him crashing into the sea after jettisoning the rest of his bombs.

Blown To Pieces

In another encounter two Spitfire pilots were flying off the south-east coast at a height of 2,000 feet in the afternoon when two Messerschmidt 109's dived down in front.

One of the Spitfires, piloted by a sergeant who won the D.F.M. a month ago with a "bag" of eight, dived after the Messerschmidts.

He got in a seven-second burst at one of them and blew it to pieces, and he was able to damage the other before it escaped in cloud.

Two Messerschmidt 110's destroyed near the Thames Estuary were brought down by Hurricanes. — Reuter.

NIEMOELLER NOW ROMAN CATHOLIC

MARTIN NIEMOELLER, THE GERMAN PROTESTANT PASTOR WHO BECAME FAMOUS FOR UNCOMROMISINGLY RESISTING THE NAZI CONCEPTION OF THE STATE IN RELATION TO RELIGION AND WHO IS NOW IN CONCENTRATION CAMP, HAS BECOME A ROMAN CATHOLIC, ACCORDING TO THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE SWISS PAPER "BASLER NACHRICHTEN" YESTERDAY.

The paper adds that Niemöller has been contemplating such a step for some time.

A U-boat commander in the last war he was arrested by the Nazis in 1937. — Reuter.

30 GERMANS FOR ONE BRITISH

Yesterday's "bag" of four German aircraft brings the total number of enemy planes shot down in raids on Britain since the beginning of this year to 30. One British plane was lost.

Five German machines have been brought down this month without loss to the British. — Reuter.

UNCEASING RAIDS ON ITALIAN COMMUNICATIONS

R.A.F. BOMBER AND FIGHTER aircraft continued to attack enemy lines of communication on all fronts, stated a communique from R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East in Cairo yesterday.

The communique states that in Libya R.A.F. bombers raided Berka aerodrome at Benghazi on Monday night and dropped bombs on aircraft dispersed on the ground. The bombs started large fires in several buildings.

The railway station at Bares was heavily attacked and motor transport destroyed on the roads.

British fighter aircraft throughout the day harassed the enemy by machine-gun attacks.

At Sionta and Tunia (ten miles east of Bares) six separate attacks were made on troops withdrawing along the road. There were severe casualties and between 20 and 30 vehicles were also destroyed.

Eritrea Support

In support of the army's successful advance in Eritrea, R.A.F. aircraft continued to attack the enemy. One Caproni 113 was destroyed during the operations.

The aerodrome at Gura suffered heavily as the result of a raid in which a number of direct hits

A VISIT FROM THE DUKE OF KENT.—A picture when the Duke of Kent visited people evacuated from their bombed homes into large houses in another district of Southampton. Note the expression of the little toddler in the centre. (Copyright, Fox).

HIS PAL THE HORSE

Man summoned at Highgate for being at such a distance from his horse and cart as not to have proper control over them.

"It is the first time my pal has let me down. I have had him for five years and he has never walked on without me before."



BATISTA OUTWITS PLOTTERS

President Batista, "Cuba's strong man," by swift and dramatic action countered Monday night's attempt to overthrow him.

In sports clothes and accompanied by only two colonels he drove to the Columbia Camp and took command of the forces.

He ordered the general assembly sounded and when all the troops had responded to the call they pledged loyalty to him. He then explained his actions.

Colonel Lopez Migoya has been appointed Chief of the Army, Colonel Galindez Chief of the Army Staff, Colonel Gomez Casas Chief of the Navy, Colonel Arguelles Chief of the Navy Staff, and Colonel Benitez Chief of Police—appointments popular with the armed forces.

Dictatorship Denied

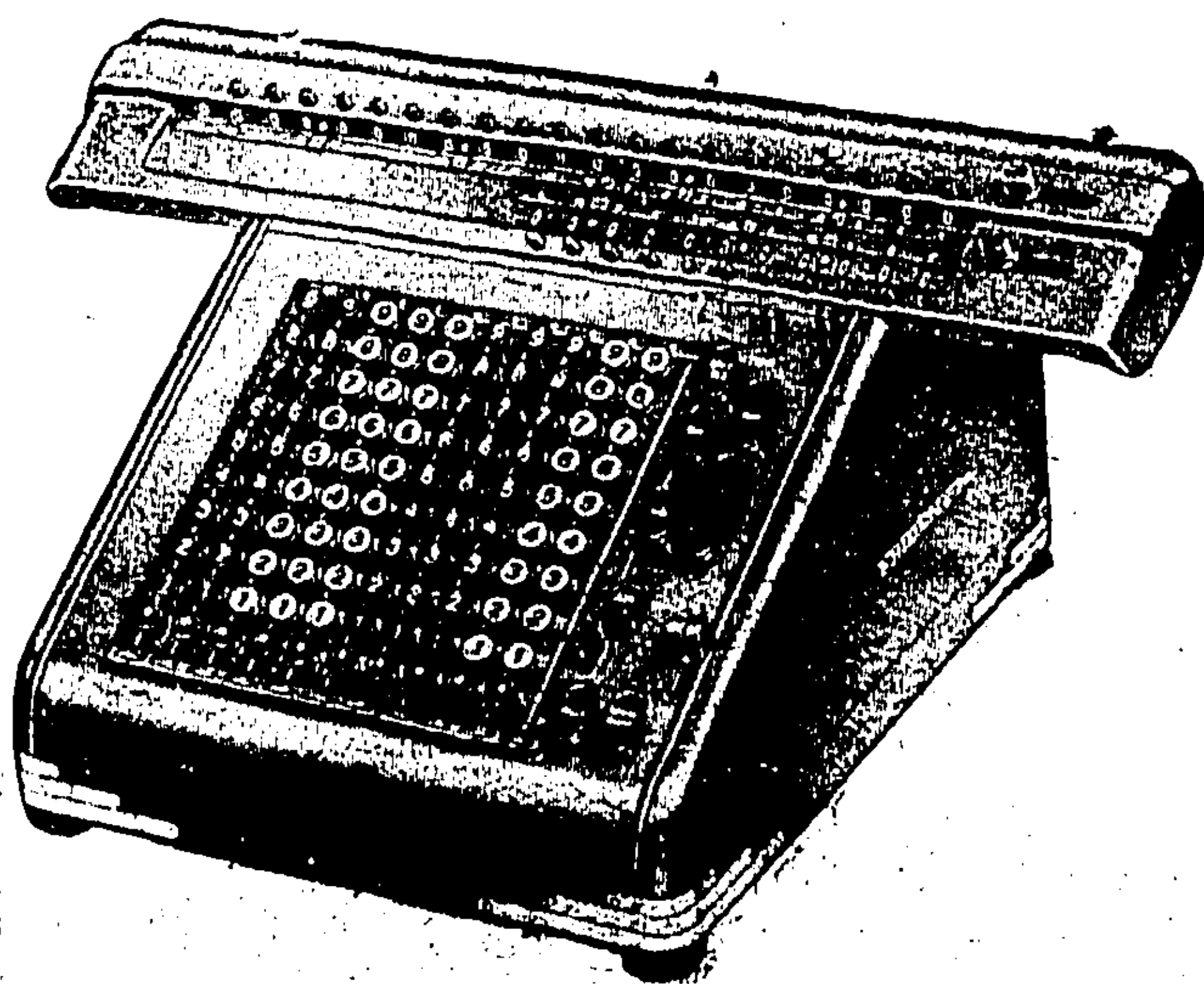
Meanwhile President Batista vigorously denied that he is setting up a dictatorship in Cuba.

In a broadcast he declared he had taken steps in the interests of democratic government.

He said absolutely normal conditions now reign throughout the country and therefore as soon as the crisis was past the suspension of constitutional guarantees will be revoked and civil liberties restored. — Reuter.

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Gilt-edged advanced on the London Stock Exchange yesterday on institutional buying. Other sections, especially home rails, generally improved on investment demand but industrials were largely heavy under the influence of taxation uncertainties. Kaffirs and oils were firm. Among foreign issues Japanese continued to recover. Wall Street was inclined to harden. — Reuter.

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CONVOY'S TREK THROUGH ABYSSINIAN WILDERNESS

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent
Somewhere in the Abyssinian Bush)

This is the sixth day of our trek into an unexplored wilderness and although fatigued and with rations low and trucks battered, we have sighted our objective on the far-off horizon.

We can now look back on many score miles of track blazed through bush and forest, sometimes through raging bush fires, and know that the success of our safari is assured and soon our tracks will be transformed into the first British-made road in Abyssinia.

This expedition which in peacetime would have taken weeks of careful preparation, was undertaken at 12 hours' notice, with no different development than one would use in a trip from London to the coast.

Bush Fire

We started with a convoy of British and foreign vehicles, but two days later abandoned the foreign vehicles, which could not survive the severe conditions.

Yesterday my truck struck a half-buried boulder, puncturing the oil sump and twisting the clutch rod. The oil sump we pegged with wood.

The clutch rod we heated over log fires and hammered straight with an axe, but while we were fixing it under the lorry a swarm of bees sought to quench their thirst from the perspiration of our bodies, inflicting stings.

When the repairs were completed a bush fire with lightning speed swept across the elephant grass, enveloping the disabled lorry with flames, but though the woodwork went on fire and the tyres began to melt the vehicle was saved and we continued the journey.

Later in the day we were entirely surrounded by another bush fire, the flames making a circle that closed to within five yards of the convoy, while we stood helpless and half-scorching.

These were merely interludes in a gruelling ceaseless task from dawn to dusk, hacking down trees and cutting away rock with small picks.

Our average daily run, not stopping for food, was eight miles.

Respite From Bites

Ants were seen everywhere but to-night for the first time we had a respite from bites when we encamped in the middle of a patch of elephant grass eight feet high.

Yesterday, the water situation caused anxiety but while we were reconnoitring on foot for a crossing of a dried-up river bed, two leopards bounded from the grass nearby, indicating water must be in the vicinity.—Reuter.

NO 'DANGER PASSED' WHISTLE

Wardens in the Metropolitan area, who will blow their whistles to warn people of immediate local danger, are not to blow a second whistle to indicate that danger has passed.

This was made clear by a Ministry of Home Security official who said:

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PARIS POLICE PREFECT DETAINED

Roger Langeron, Paris police prefect, has been dismissed from his post and is held under detention, according to a report described as coming "from reliable quarters" to the German official news agency yesterday.

Langeron was appointed in 1934.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN

MR. GEOFFREY MANDER (LIBERAL) ASKED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY IF GOVERNMENT WOULD GIVE AN ASSURANCE THAT THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MINISTER'S BROADCAST ON JAN. 12 AT SINGAPORE, STATING THAT AUSTRALIA HAD NO QUARREL WITH JAPAN, IMPLIED NO CHANGE IN IMPERIAL POLICY INTO RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT FOR CHINA IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST JAPANESE IMPERIALISM, THE UNDER-SECRETARY FOR THE DOMINIONS, MR. SHAKESPEARE, REPLIED "YES, SIR."

Mr. Robert Morgan (Cons) asked whether the Government in Australia were kept fully informed of the dissatisfaction felt in Britain with Japanese policy in relation to the A.x.s, with the object of avoiding public official statements which may conflict with such a viewpoint.

Mr. Shakespeare recalled it was the practice of His Majesty's Gov-

THREAT OF INVASION

The "Commercio de Porto" of Lisbon yesterday declared that the threat of an invasion is not greater to-day than six months ago.

While in the Mediterranean Egypt is a more vulnerable point in her Empire, England has attained a position of clear superiority.

Her navy, as of old, has victoriously held the enemy in check, and Mr. Churchill has shown himself the worthy chief of the greatest material force that exists in the world.—Reuter.

ernment in the United Kingdom to communicate concern and added there was no divergence between the two governments as regards this matter.—Reuter.

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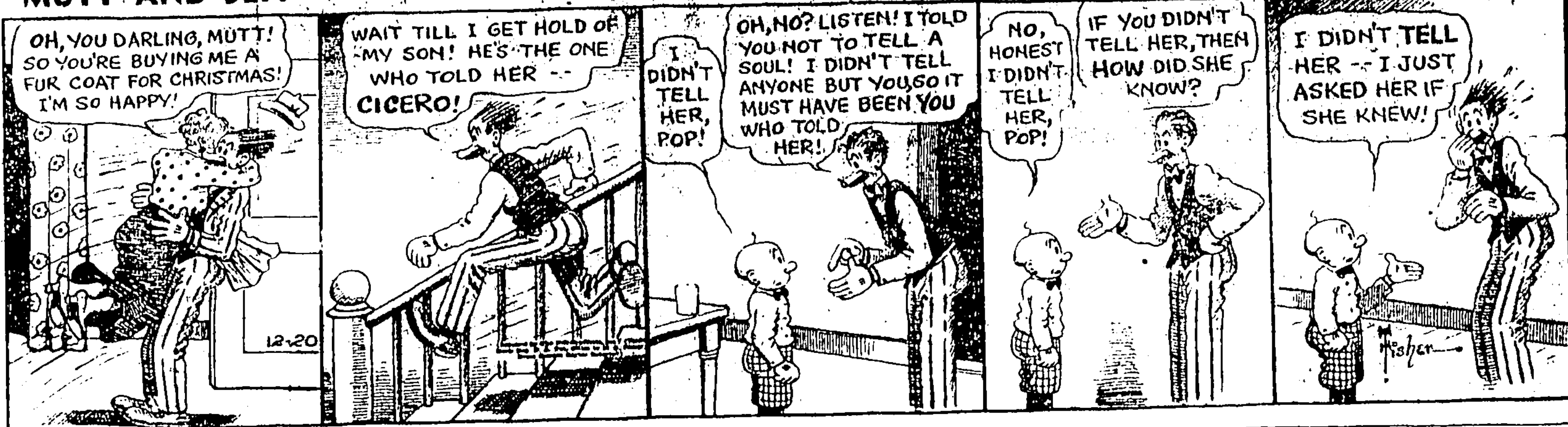
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(By A Special Correspondent)

Factory girls in Birmingham are to be given lessons by a beauty specialist in the art of make-up.

One of the sponsors of the scheme, Miss K. C. Dewar, girls' secretary of the Birmingham Boys' and Girls' Union, told me.

"Many of our girl members are between fourteen and twenty. They work long hours making munitions, and are so fagged out that they use cosmetics unwisely in covering up traces. War strain, too, is making them smoke more than usual."

The beauty culturist, Miss D. M. Norton, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, is to give the girls lessons at their club.

"The girls try so hard to make themselves attractive," added Miss Dewar. "They are broadminded about the lessons and have welcomed the idea."

"In all my thirty years of social work, I have never seen such beautiful girls as in Birmingham. But many of them do not know the art of make-up."

Miss Norton said: "I shall give the girls talks and practical lessons."

"We are anxious to help them in keeping their skins clean, and to advise just how much powder and lipstick it is best to use."

"I shall also tell them about the care of their bodies, hair and feet. There is no need to teach Birmingham shop girls much about beauty culture. They seem to be masters in the art of make-up."

SMOKE WITHOUT
FIRE

"Where there's smoke there's fire," states the proverb. But a Hurricane pilot—A British Flight Lieutenant, who leads Polish fighters into battle—is not so sure whether this is always true. Here is his story:—

"Attacking a formation of enemy bombers, he shot down a Heinkel 111. He broke away and, glancing in his mirror, saw a trail of white smoke apparently coming from his machine."

"Thinking I might be on fire, I prepared to bail out," he said. "But as no flames appeared, I did a tight turn and found that the smoke had ceased."

"I found afterwards that an explosive bullet had opened up my port wing about a foot from the tip, leaving a jagged piece of metal sticking up. I assume that the white smoke was due to condensation caused by the jagged metal in the dive."

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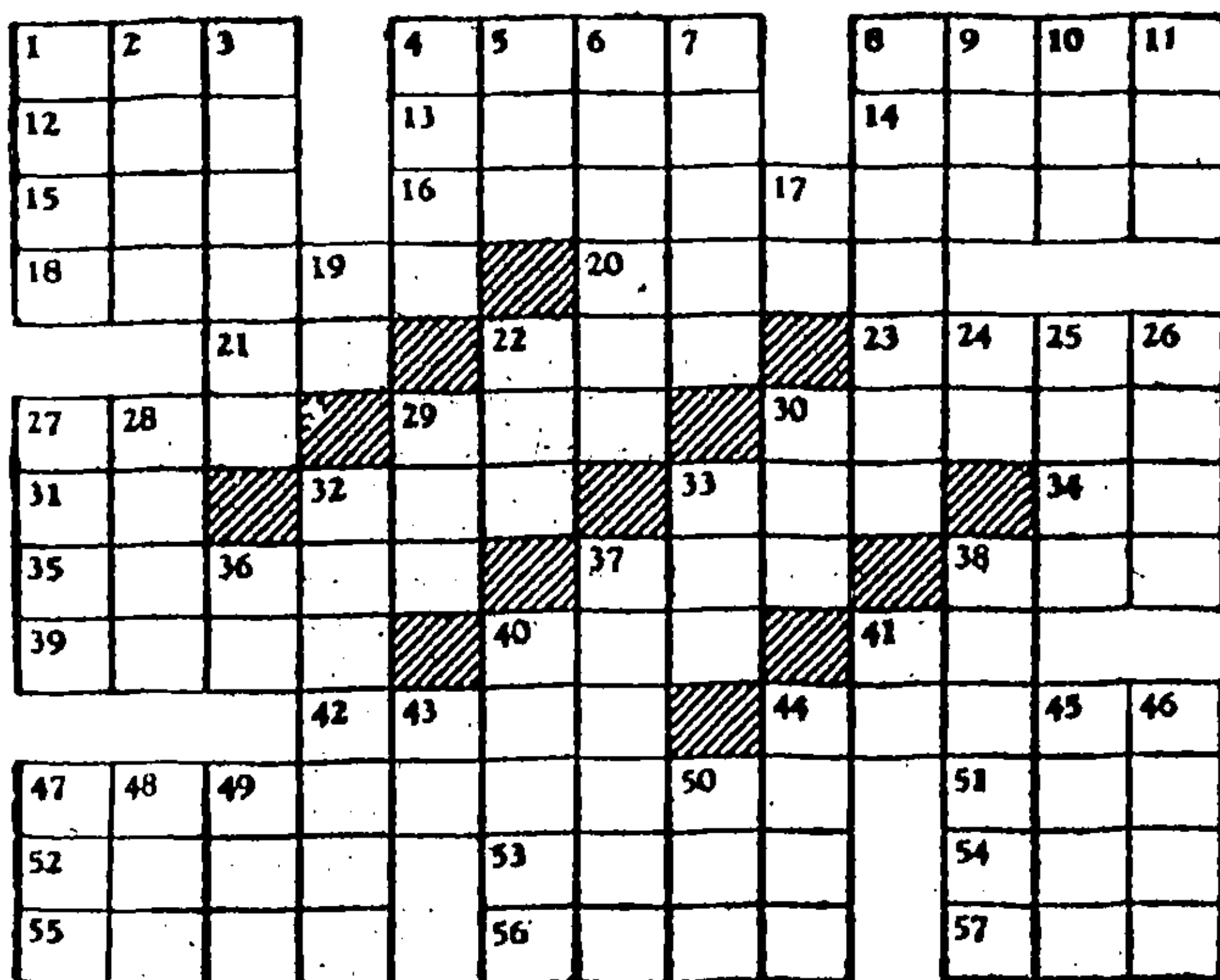
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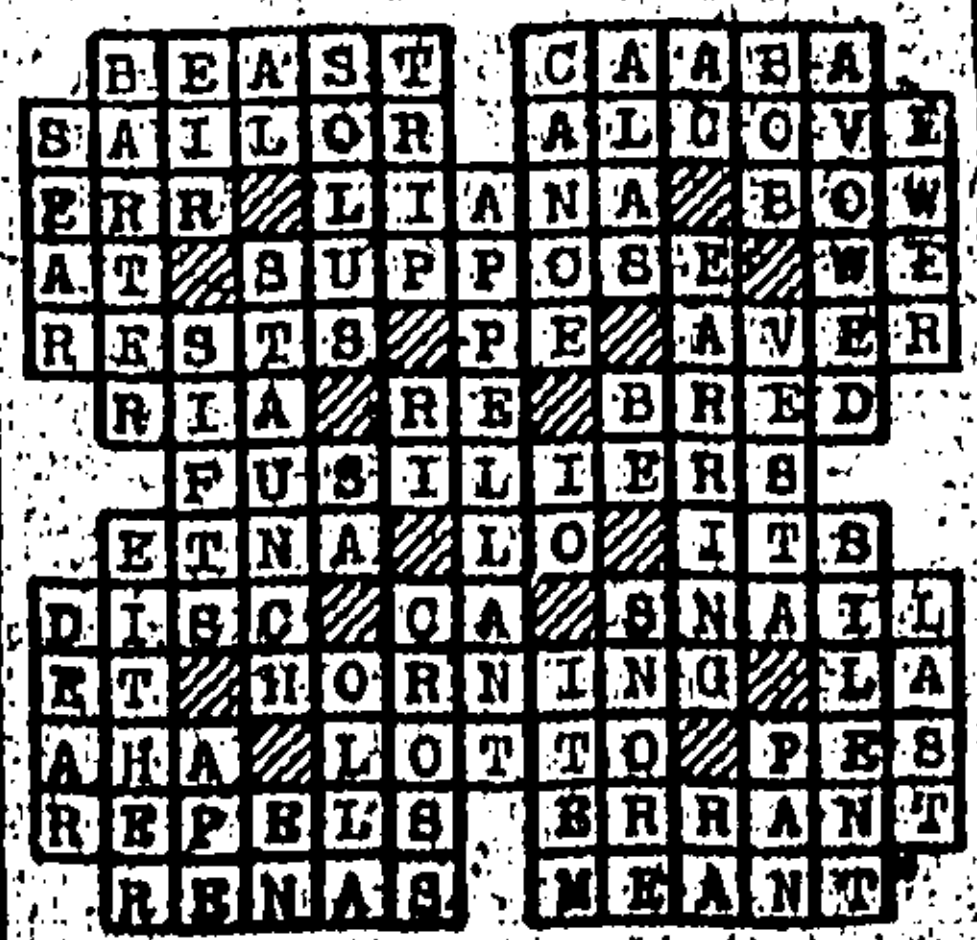
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Anglo-Saxon money
- 4 River in Arizona
- 8 Festival
- 12 Music: three
- 13 Cross
- 14 Least whole number
- 15 Man's name
- 16 Under an assumed name
- 18 To bend into shape
- 20 To assist
- 21 101
- 22 Malt beverage
- 23 To search
- 27 Peruvian tuber
- 29 To be obliged to
- 30 East-Indian soldier
- 31 Hawk-headed deity
- 32 Play on words
- 33 Rocky crag
- 34 Conjunction
- 35 Separated
- 37 To propel
- 38 Pronoun
- 39 Mother of Apollo
- 40 To cry like a cat
- 41 Land measure

VERTICAL

- 1 Pertaining to the ear
- 2 To nurture
- 3 External remedy
- 4 Hold
- 5 Electrified particle
- 6 Position
- 7 Mexican silver dollar
- 8 Husband of Brunhild
- 9 Tropical bird
- 10 Illumined
- 11 Philippine island ward division
- 17 Earth goddess
- 19 Note of scale
- 22 Beard, as of cereals
- 24 Above
- 25 Midday
- 26 City in Phoenicia
- 27 Aload
- 28 Cloak
- 29 Preposition
- 30 Swine
- 32 To tender
- 33 To haul
- 36 By
- 37 To entertain lavishly
- 38 Decorated
- 40 Denoting a method
- 41 Both
- 43 Chinese measure
- 44 Celestial body
- 45 To encircle
- 46 Great Lake
- 47 Hat
- 48 Palm leaf
- 49 Builder of the ark
- 50 By birth

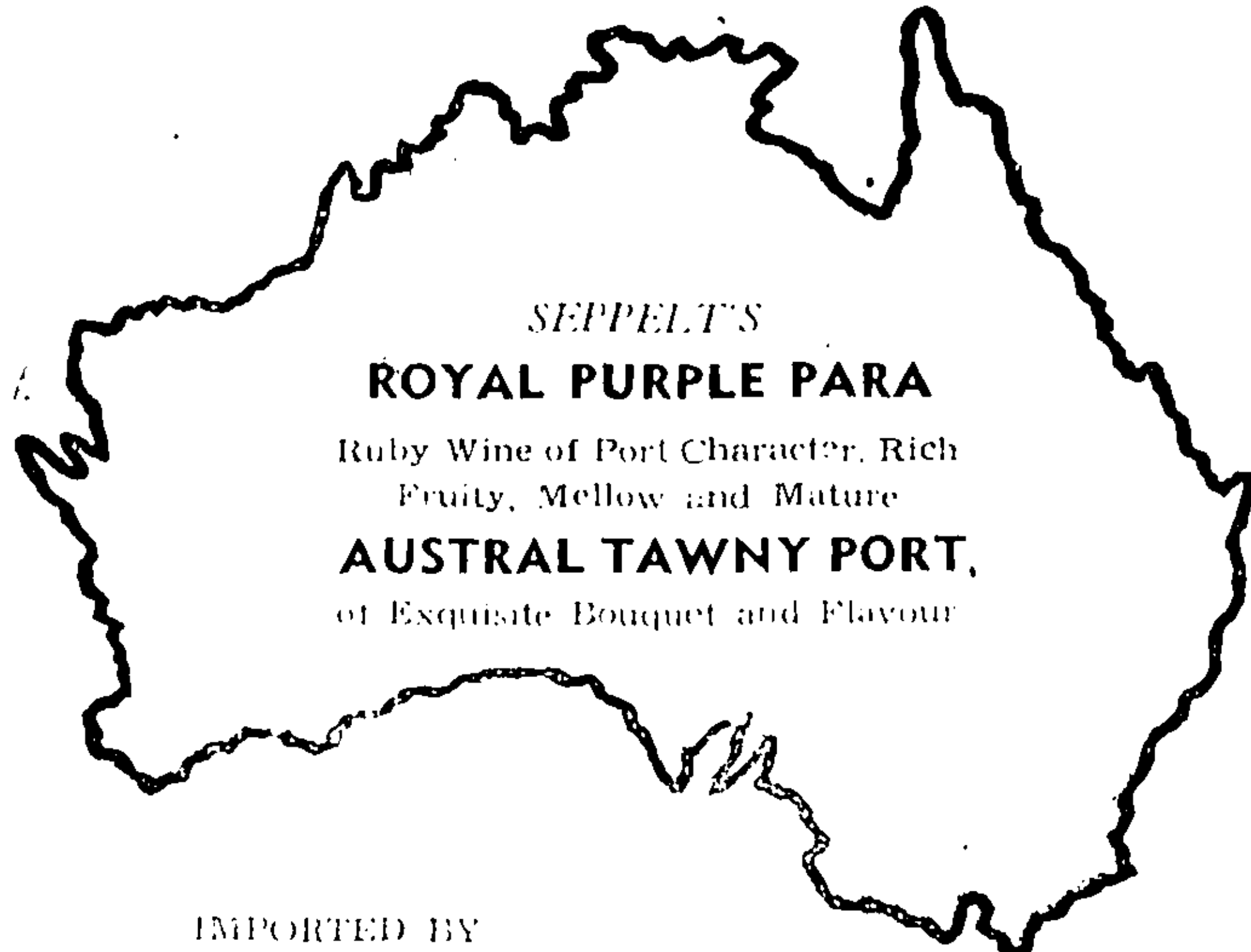
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VICHY POLICE SWOOP ON SECRET FRENCH REBELS

THE PETAIN GOVERNMENT is facing increasing trouble and opposition. A secret rebel movement has been investigated by the French police, acting under Nazi orders.

Almost 900 arrests have been made, states a German radio message picked up by the "Sunday Dispatch" radio station.

Another message from Belgrade states that 35 separate Communist organisations have been discovered.

Hitler's Nazis have unwittingly helped General de Gaulle's Free French movement in two ways:

1. The expulsion of French-speaking inhabitants from Lorraine has resulted in opposition to the Petain Government and support for de Gaulle, not only among the evicted but also among sympathisers throughout France.

2. The ransacking of Paris for food—which has been going on since June—has ended in mass demonstrations by hungry citizens. Demonstrators had to be dispersed by troops recently, according to French circles in Zurich.

Surprised

De Gaulle's success in the colonies has surprised General Weygand, who is still in North Africa, where he was sent as a special commissioner of the Vichy Government.

The former Commander-in-Chief is, according to United States sources, "bitterly disappointed" at the full effect of French capitulation to Hitler.

Proved Wrong

He has seen:—

1. That his belief that Britain would soon fall has proved wrong, and

2. That Admiral Darlan, Vichy Minister of the Navy, is wrong in wishing to use the full French Navy in direct action against the British.

However, while Weygand is believed to be particularly hostile to any surrender of any part of the French empire to Spain, there is no evidence that he is prepared to throw in his lot with De Gaulle.

"ORDER OF THE BLUDGEON"

Whenever we hear of the New Order of Hitler, we realise it is not a new but the oldest order; that of the bludgeon, the strong arm and force, as against freedom.

Mr. R. B. Bennett, former Prime Minister of Canada, said that when he opened a War Weapons Week for Godstone rural district of Surrey.

"We are not in this struggle for material things," he added. "We want no territory. We seek no loot. We wage war for the intangibles of life, the things that have the real and abiding value: freedom to think and act."

VISAE FOR N.E.I.

NEW REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE ISSUE OF PASSPORT VISAE TO TRAVELLERS TO THE NETHERLANDS INDIES CAME INTO FORCE ON FEBRUARY 1, 1941.

Henceforth, nationals of all countries require passport visae for entry or transit.

All applications must be submitted to the Department of Immigration by the Netherland Consul concerned, and no visae will be given until authorisation of the department has been obtained.

Holders of labour-permits and transit passengers, however, can obtain visae at once, valid for seven days, full visae for one journey.

Possession of a passport visae does not guarantee admission to the Netherlands East Indies. It

PILOT MADE A TEA RAID

AN R.A.F. PILOT had been in a dawn fight with a raider and was flying back to his station, very thirsty. He thought of tea. Then down below him he spotted a girl driving a Y.M.C.A. canteen along a country road — tea.

The pilot swooped low and signalled to the girl to stop, raising his hand to his mouth. He landed his plane in a field and ran over to the girl — tea. But his luck wasn't in that morning. All the tea had already been drunk. Sadly, more thirsty than ever, he walked back to his plane and took off.

Mr. Robert Eady, Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. for the Midland Division told a reporter this when he also told how mobile canteen girls face bombing and machine-gunning to serve tea to men on gun and searchlight sites and at balloon barrage bases and smoke-screen stations.

"We have about 1,000 women employed at this work," said Mr. Eady. "Two women go out with a mobile canteen."

Tea Car "Shelter"

"There was a case where two of the women," wearing their steel helmets, had to hide in a trench for hours while incendiary and H.E. bombs dropped sent out in one day.

is merely one of the conditions for entry, which remains subject to the decision of the Immigration Authorities.

The Chancery fees to be levied are: for a full visa 6 guilders (at the present official rate of exchange, HK\$15.-), for a transit visa 69 guilder cents, HK\$1.50).

all round them. They had been serving tea to men on a gun-site.

"Some of them have had only their tea car to shelter behind when enemy aircraft have dived down and machine-gunned them."

"They go out to the loneliest spots in the Midlands at all hours of the day and night and they seldom sleep. They tour bombed areas serving tea to families in their air-raid shelters."

"They also visit A.F.S. men while they are engaged on duty during air raids, and members of the Home Guard."

On one night more than 1,500 hot drinks were served, and more than 3,000 hot drinks have been sent out in one day.

NAZIS' BOMB TRICK

The Nazis have begun to manufacture "British" incendiary bombs in the hope of being able to convince the Dutch that the bombs which fall on the civil population are of British and not German origin.

They hope that in view of the "evidence" of bomb fragments, the Dutch will think the bombs have been dropped by the R.A.F., but the trick has failed — dismally. Information to this effect has been received by Dutch official circles in London.

The bombings are usually undertaken immediately after the R.A.F. has bombed military objectives in the Netherlands. The object is to incite Dutch feeling against the British, who are accused in the German-controlled newspapers and over the wireless of being guilty of bombing civilians.

But Everyone Knows

This attempt to mislead the Dutch as to the identity of their attackers has been unsuccessful.

Everyone in the Netherlands seems to know well that it is the Germans themselves, and not the R.A.F., who are responsible for the casualties inflicted on the civilians of many Dutch cities.

The trick is only one more of their attempts to hoodwink the victims of their own cruelty.

OUR NEW WEAPON?

BRITAIN IS ORDERING IN U.S.A. A NOVEL WEAPON CALLED THE AERO-TANK IN EXPECTATION OF A CONTINENTAL OFFENSIVE NEXT YEAR, SAYS THE NEW YORK "DAILY MIRROR."

"Planes with a tank in their 'claws' will have a cruising range of a thousand miles, the newspaper declares.

When released from the planes, the tanks will be able to travel for 700 miles without refuelling. A speed of eighty miles an hour is claimed for the tanks.

CHINA MAIL

WINDSOR HOUSE

NAZI SCHEME IN MEDITERRANEAN

Behind Nazi pressure on Vichy lies the inference that events in the Mediterranean are compelling Hitler to seek ways and means of rescuing his Axis partner and accepting the danger, most disturbing to his mentality, of a war on two fronts.

There is a bare possibility that the German Chancellor hopes to use the French Fleet in co-operation with invasion schemes, but he cannot possibly envisage seriously the escape of hostile surface units out of the Mediterranean for this purpose, and the first theory of the German objective is much more likely to be the correct one.

Plainly, under existing circumstances, the only way Germany can effectively help the Italian Army in Libya is to send reinforcements across the Mediterranean.

To do this she has the choice of three routes — (1) Across Spain, then across the Straits of Gibraltar to North Africa (2) Direct to the North African coast from Marseilles; (3) Across the narrowest part of the Mediterranean via Italy.

Considering the great distance via Spain, the uncertain conditions in that country, its bad economic state, food shortage, the approach of hard winter weather there and the fact that Gibraltar is strongly held by the British, the Spanish route seems exceedingly dangerous and impossibly slow.

The passage via Italy is probably unwelcome to Mussolini who knows that popular dislike of German domination is one of the chief dangers to his regime and who fears that the virtual invasion of his country by a German army might provoke an upheaval.

The direct sea passage from France therefore offers the least political obstacles, but it means that Hitler must once more face the problem of crossing the sea despite British naval supremacy.

This problem could however be solved locally if the naval balance of power in the Mediterranean could be upset by the use of the French Navy. It is not surprising therefore, that German pressure on France to hand over the navy and to allow the Germans to use the Mediterranean port has been redoubled

Some news is trickling out of the continent of Europe about the little people — the common folk now living in varying degrees of captivity but in many cases practicing passive resistance and preparing for future struggles for freedom. Here is an interim survey of a large part of the field:

FRANCE—Fully 90 per cent of the people sympathetic with Britain, this figure based on careful surveys taken on behalf of Marshal Petain in selected provinces. Small quantities of military equipment stored in secret in preparation for possible uprising. Tremendous disorganisation. Much practical espionage on behalf of the British, perhaps even parachute landing of pro-British saboteurs. Great sympathy with de Gaulle even in Vichy circles. Steady and sensational comings and goings among the common people of persons actively working against the Nazis.

BELGIUM—Little information available, but much the same picture as in France. Greater degree of German control since entire area occupied. Little chance of Germans organising effective production. Extremely grave food shortages. Capable espionage furnishing British with information concerning invasion plans.

NETHERLANDS—Widespread support of Wilhelmina's London government. Dutch Nazi movement made little progress since initial effectiveness in treachery. Population holding itself in taciturn check, determined to regain freedom when opportunity comes but careful not to make attempt prematurely. Lean days ahead. Production extremely hampered by lack of imported raw materials, hence not very valuable to Nazis. Espionage facilitated through Dutchmen who escaped to Britain and keep in touch with home country. Control of such spying virtually impossible.

DENMARK—Utilising technique of Slesvig Danes whose province was recently occupied by Germany for fifty-six years. Vast patriotic outpourings proving impossible for Nazis to control. Such few pro-Nazi Danes as existed before invasion now are overwhelmed by new patriotism which supports Britain. Lectures, books, adult schools, song-fests (all-sing) are used to arouse patriotism as after defeat of 1864. Again, Nordphlegm is Germany's most baffling obstacle, and cloaks good information service for Britain.

NORWAY—Utter disillusionment of this peace-loving people has now led to grim determination to regain freedom. In sparsely populated, mountainous country control by Nazis is only skeletonised. Government in exile functioning efficiently and as time goes on is likely to perfect methods of passive resistance and preparation for regaining freedom. When break-up comes, Norway likely to turn on its captors with fierceness unsurpassed by other imprisoned peoples. Many brave and resourceful Norwegians are available for getting out information about Nazi preparations and weaknesses.

AUSTRIA—Basis for uprising even here said to have been laid. While Austria has many loyal Nazis, information reaches America of a surprising range of disaffection capable of giving regime real trouble later on and assisting in active or passive sabotage now.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA—Most skillfully prepared of any area, with concealed arms, centuries-old technique of resistance, and remains of World-War espionage system which now is probably extended to or beyond its former efficacy. As in many other captive states, its London headquarters is real capital of country and in close touch with homeland. People doggedly determined to live through storm and restore their brief-won independence.

POLAND—Like the Czechs, the Poles are skilled in passive resistance of conquerors. But have been most severely battered by war and punished by political police. Only information available suggests they exist in numbered misery which would give way to bloody revolt whenever opportunity came.

ITALY—Nearly twenty years of Fascist rule and absence of feasible alternative government are great handicaps to overturn. Yet unpopularity of war hampers the nation's productive effort, and

since German support for Italy in Africa became an urgent necessity.

serious shortages plus military defeats have reduced morale further. If Fascism were younger, if recognised rivals to Mussolini existed, then some overturn would be likelier. German occupation

By
Erwin D. Canham

seems not impossible if military situation got greatly worse and domestic rumblings started. Then



"WHICH OF YOU IS TO BLAME?"

Totalitarian Ruin

Twenty-nine years after Hiram Bingham discovered Machu Picchu, I also discovered it as one of the supreme travel finds of a decade and more of personal wanderings. If my discovery did not shake the archaeological world I think it thrilled me almost as much as Mr. Bingham's find could have thrilled him. And perhaps I was even more surprised.

Mr. Bingham, delving into the mysteries of Inca civilisation in Peru, was tipped off by a Quechua Indian in 1911 that there were some extensive ruins high on an Andean saddle above a horse-shoe gorge of the River Vilcanota, a location very similar, but on a far grander scale, to that of Godfrey's castle above the Belgian village of Bouillon. The ruins were so hard to reach and so strangled by vegetation (for the tropical region of eastern Peru begins hereabouts) that even the greedy Spanish colonials, loving ruins for the treasure they presumably hid, had never found them. Modern Peru likewise completely overlooked them. Not even rumours of Machu Picchu had reached Cuzco, though this Inca capital, turned Peruvian, lies only eighty miles away from the hidden city. It was left for a gringo to climb to that lofty saddle and see the jungle-throated outline of what was to prove one of the most sensational finds ever made anywhere.

Coming again the next year at the head of the National Geographic Society-Yale University Expedition Mr. Bingham, aided by the Peruvian government, drove away the jungle and bared this mystery city, which is so mysterious, in fact, that historical science still can only guess at its purpose in such a weird location.

This present gringo visited Machu Picchu at the end of 1940 and was surprised, amazed, thunderstruck that the tourist world,

Italy would be more like other captive states, and Fascist leaders might strive to regain their independence.

From this very general survey, it is evident that the Nazi sway on the continent is threatened by the same kind of nationalist revolt which helped end Napoleon's empire. Yet the decisive factor will plainly be Britain's military efforts, supported by United States' supplies. If Hitler is stopped militarily, even in a deadlock, the crumbings from within would take on earthquake proportions. They are, potentially, the "counter-offensive."

Political Crisis Likely In Italy

The "News Chronicle" Lisbon correspondent writes:—

The Greek and British triumphs are forcing a major political crisis in Italy which may develop dramatically any day. That is the impression given by the Italians here. Reliable informants say that all Northern Italy, which should always be distinguished from Rome and the South in estimating political tendencies, is sick of the war and is convinced that Mussolini has made a fatal blunder for which Italy will pay dearly unless there is a sweeping change of policy.

Tension between the army and the Fascist Party has now almost reached breaking point with Badoglio, a "King's man" and a popular figure in disgrace through no fault of his own.

An article by Farinacci blaming the army leaders and staff for the reverses in Albania shows how far things have gone. Farinacci is a wild man but his irritation is understandable since the army staff in Albania failed to make any serious preparations for a real campaign.

This, however, was the fault not of Badoglio but of Ciano who regarded the Greek campaign as his particular hobby and would not give the General staff time for adequate preparations and rushed the whole thing through to get a jump ahead of Hitler's "New Order" campaign.

Until the British attacked in Libya, Mussolini, though suffering a grave loss of prestige, could still hope for salvation from German diplomatic intervention to obtain a truce with Greece. The disaster in Libya, however, faces Il Duce with a new military problem which may prove insoluble without direct Nazi help.

An open revolt in Italy may be used as the German pretext to cross the frontier and take charge.

If the recent unrest in Northern Italy (which is undoubtedly serious despite Fascist denials) comes to a head, Italy may be split into two camps, the army dominating in the North and the Fascists elsewhere.

The question will then be whether the Northern Italians, who will want to defend their national independence, can hold Brenner long enough to receive outside support.

I heard some time ago from a good source that Brenner is fortified defensively on the Italian side.

being fashioned and fitted together without mortar so perfectly that nowhere can a knife blade be inserted between the stones.

The mystery of Machu Picchu grows with each successive authority who writes of it.

One thing, however, is certain. Machu Picchu is a totalitarian ruin. The Inca State was a totalitarian State so absolute that modern creations of similar order are nursery play by comparison. The Inca himself, was a dictator, so "total" that Hitler and Mussolini, seen in proper perspective, are but petty martinetts. He was judge, emperor, god. He owned every subject and every article produced in his vast empire. He prescribed, through deputies, every detail of life and action for every individual. Freedom was not merely crushed. It was an idea utterly unknown.

But Machu Picchu is a ruin, barely to be held by constant effort, from the fangs of the jungle. I find present-day comfort in this thought. Much as I admire the Incas in many ways, their system obviously was false to the eternal human values.

Let other dictators, in the still watches of the night, ponder on the story of Machu Picchu!

A group of us, Norteamericanos and Peruvians, hired an autocarril, which is a gasoline buggy that rides on steel rails, and set

By Sydney A. Clark

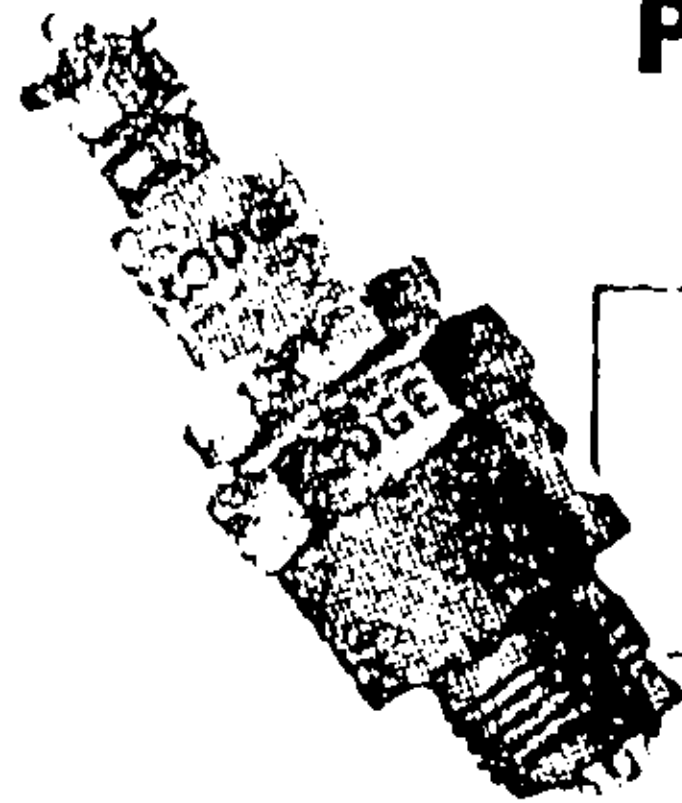
out from Cuzco at crack of dawn by the Santa Ana Railway, Latin counterpart of the Toonerville System. By switchbacks it climbed high above Cuzco, then crossed a great table land to enter the canyon of the Vilcanota, which is a remote tributary of the Amazon.

Our guide entertained us with genial patter about the Incas and the "Spaniels" (sic) and Meester Boon-gum until three and a half hours had slid through the glass and we were at Machu Picchu station. A carro of strange design carried us two miles along a riverside road to a bridge across the river and here began a long step mule-back climb. It was hard on the animals, easy on their riders, and after ninety minutes we found ourselves at the entrance of the city that Hiram Bingham stole from the jungle.

If you picture some sort of magnificent archway you will be as wrong as possible for we had to clamber, Indian file, up the side of an Inca wall from which stones protruded at regular intervals for steps. Continuing through a narrow passage we came upon a little platform of grass below which lay the entire city of stone. It is steeply terraced on both sides up to the saddle. Temples and sanctuaries are numerous, each built with that amazing masonry in which the Incas excelled, huge stone blocks

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STILL LONGER TRAINING FOR R.A.F. MEN

(By An Air Correspondent)

THE R.A.F. are increasing the period of training given to air gunners and observer bomb-aimers. This news will probably surprise the world, for it comes at a time when gigantic efforts are being made to gain numerical superiority over the combined Axis air force.

I found this out during my third visit to air-fields of Britain to discover how things were progressing during the night-and-day German raids. I went to a big bombing and gunnery school, many miles from the scene of the daily air combats.

Here, too, I discovered another thing which would probably surprise the enemy — that a German bombing was used to show British airmen how not to bomb.

For this school was bombed repeatedly some time ago. The damage was little because, as the adjutant told me: "The enemy bomb-aimers put up a show for which I would have severely reprimanded them if they had been my pupils."

When the dust had cleared the bomb-aiming pupils were asked to explain the probable mistakes made by the enemy bombers. It was a practical lesson they will never forget.

A New Device

Air gunners at this school were being trained through a new device which is on the secret list.

All I am allowed to say about it is that at the full effective range of the machine-gun the pupils are able to practice bursts at a Messerschmidt.

The new method allows the air-gunner to recognise the probable choice of attack by the fighter's preliminary movements, and to be ready for the lightning breakaway after attack.

It has nothing to do with the known method of holding a model of a Messerschmidt 109 on the end of a pole to be fired at by pupils operating cameraguns—an elementary exercise to get pupils used to the size in their sights of attacking fighters.

I was told that a good rifle marksman is not certain to make an outstanding air-gunner.

The exceptional air-gunner is either a man who like such sports as duck shooting or men who have, naturally, the necessary instant co-ordination of eye, mind and hand, plus anticipation.

I watched pupil air-guns in a bomber firing at a drogue, or sleeve, towed by a Fairey Battle some distance away. After the gunners had fired there was a flutter of fabric to the ground. Half of the drogue had been shot away. In most cases this does not happen, and the bullet holes in the drogue are counted.

Only when the pupil achieves a certain percentage of hits to the rounds fired is he allowed to leave

the school for operational training. In this next stage he is taught how to shoot when his aircraft is in formation.

If he is intended to man the guns in a fast two-seater he is thrown about in the sky until he can fire accurately even when in an inverted position.

The observer bomb-aimers come to the school already trained in a number of separate jobs—navigation, photography, reconnaissance.

Here they are taught bombing. Now, this bomb-aiming course is not fashioned to make an observer drop some of his bombs on the target with regularity, it trains him to drop all his bombs consistently in a group, in the same way that a rifle marksman likes to group his shots.

One on the "bull" and others far away is not enough. All bombs must strike in a group situated

HITLER'S CAR SWINDLE

It has just been learnt through neutral reports that the German workers are still paying their five marks a week subscription for the "volkswagen," though manufacture of motor-cars for the million has been "postponed until after the war."

This world-renowned scheme has been described by one of those responsible for it as the "biggest pre-payment swindle of all time."

In the spring of 1938 Brinkmann, under-secretary to Dr. Funk at the Ministry of Economics, spent an evening with Ley, the labour leader, his deputy Selzner, and Hansjürgen Koehler, who later told the story in a book which appeared in English last June under the title "Inside Information." Koehler was then liaison officer between the Gestapo and the Labour Front.

Brinkmann said he wanted the Labour Front to find him 30,000,000 marks a week. After discussion of all sorts of schemes, Ley suggested selling the German workmen motor-cars, paid for at the rate of five marks a week, to be delivered at the millennium.

Proposed half-jokingly, the plan was worked out by Selzner and adopted. At the end of May the foundation of the "largest motor-car factory in Europe" was laid at Fallersleben. Hitler was easily persuaded to become patron of the scheme.

"Sign Here"

On Aug. 1, 1938, Ley was able to tell the German workman that the volkswagen was to cost 990 marks, that it was the wish of the Fuehrer that every German working man should have his own car, and that everyone earning 200-300 marks upwards would be expected to subscribe.

Six million subscribers put their names down and began paying their five marks a week. They were never told in black and white the price or the date of delivery, but the subscription form set out that each car would have to be insured for two years after leaving the factory, which would cost 200 marks. Thus, if the price was to be 990 marks, that plus the insurance would mean that the workman would go on paying his five marks a week for four years and seven months.

Thus German workmen were to subscribe to the Nazi war chest 1,500,000,000 marks a year for four-and-a-half years.

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FLEW WITH ONE WING AFTER MID-AIR CRASH

A TWENTY-THREE-YEAR-OLD R.A.F. flying instructor who, when his plane was damaged in a collision with a pupil's aircraft, landed in a field with one wing off and the other damaged, and with the undercarriage retracted, has been awarded the A.F.M.

He is Sergeant Ernest Frank Sly, a flying instructor in the advanced training squadron of a flying training school.

His award is "for exceptional valour, courage and devotion to duty whilst flying, though not in active operations, against the enemy."

Sergeant Sly was carrying out formation flying practice in a twin-engine training aircraft with a pupil in another aircraft of the same type.

On reaching 3000ft. his passenger noticed that the pupil's aircraft was approaching from practically dead astern, and was just about to

Sergeant Sly immediately banked his aircraft to the left, but was unable to prevent the other aircraft coming into collision with his starboard wing, and severing it from just beyond the engine.

By using full left aileron and full starboard engine — his right aileron having dropped off complete with the torn-off wing — Sergeant Sly succeeded in regaining control of his aircraft. He flew straight for two miles.

Meanwhile the starboard wing continued to break up. But at last the Sergeant got his damaged aircraft down and landed.

Sergeant Sly joined the Royal Air Force in 1923. His home town is Bruton, Somerset.

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TORPEDO, BOMBS, FOG AND STORM

BRITISH GRIT IN A BRITISH SHIP

LORD LOUIS MOUNTBATTEN, COUSIN OF THE KING, REFUSED TO ABANDON AND SINK HIS SHIP, H.M.S. KELLY, WHEN SHE WAS CRIPPLED BY A GERMAN TORPEDO OFF THE ENEMY COAST.

Instead, he and his crew, fighting with the faith and fire of Nelson, used the destroyer as a floating fence to sink a hunted Nazi torpedo-boat — then defied enemy bombing attacks for three days and made port safely.

Kelly was down by the bows, listing heavily to starboard. One of her boilers was shattered. Some of her men were dead and dying. And the Germans boasted that she was sunk.

But to-day Kelly her wounds healed, after seven months in hospital, is in active service again waiting for the Germans to come out and fight.

The epic story that will live for ever in British naval history has been revealed in London.

Words Of Comfort

The story of a captain who found time in the thick of battle to leave his bridge to murmur words of comfort to a dying seaman.

Of a cook who left his stew-pots to man the guns against enemy warplanes.

An Evans was there, too, Engineer Commander Evans, brother of Evans of the Broke.

Kelly was leading a destroyer flotilla in a hunt for German minelayers when out of darkness and North Sea fog a torpedo struck her.

Flame from the explosion flashed above the level of the bridge.

Its force lifted the warship bodily out of the water and blew the foremost boiler room open to the sea, killing every man in it.

Amid steam black smoke and explosion fumes H.M.S. Bulldog found Kelly lying like a log in the water and took her in tow as the fog thickened.

Kelly's sick bay was wrecked. In the darkness, working with a few hand torches, the surgeon and attendants worked as, in days past they toiled in the cockpit of Nelson's Victory.

Enemy "Over The Top"

The men's heroism was in the highest naval tradition.

For hours a stoker, terribly wounded, lay without groaning or complaining.

A telegraphist, aged eighteen wriggled into the wreckage of the main wireless office.

Knowing that the ship sank he could not escape he gave injections of morphia to five wounded men who were trapped.

Shortly after midnight a German motor-torpedo-boat, pursued by British warships, came streaking out of the fog at 40 knots.

Desperately trying to escape, the German captain attempted to use Kelly as a shield, but instead of a clear run around the Kelly's bows, the enemy found himself faced by a slope of steel.

Striking Bulldog on the quarter in a final bid to escape, the torpedo-boat bounced off on to Kelly's bows and shot down the starboard side, tearing away her whaler motor-boat, davits and guard rails.

Her crew were shouting like maniacs as she cannoned off into the fog — and sudden silence.

Judging by the amount of interesting wreckage she had left behind — and the silence — she had foundered.

A naval rating, First-Class Stoker, Cave was severely injured.

Hold Me When I Die

"Never mind me, Doc," he told a sick berth attendant. "I'm done for. Help the other lads — but hold me when I die. I'll tell you when."

Lord Louis Mountbatten, told of the man's courage, went down to see him.

After holding the man to ease his pain, Lord Louis said: "I'm proud to have served with a man like you."

Then he returned to the bridge — the Nelson touch.

Doc held the man as he died, telling him that his sacrifice had saved other men's lives.

German bombers appeared next morning as the Kelly's wounded were being transferred to H.M.S. Kardahar.

An air escort beat them off. Repeated bombing attacks also failed.

Dead were buried at sea. The wind and sea rose steadily as the Saturday wore on. The Kelly was yawing almost unmanageably.

On the captain's order every man except those needed for the guns was ordered to leave.

Eighteen officers and men selected from a whole ship's company that volunteered to remain on board, were left in Kelly with Lord Louis Mountbatten, who is forty and fought in the last war.

Aircraft reported two enemy submarines in her direct path, and her captain, realising she was merely a sitting target for their torpedoes, decided to transfer his volunteer party temporarily to Bulldog.

All through the hours of darkness the Kelly lay abandoned with the seas churning through her boiler rooms.

And all through the night the escorting destroyers steamed in an endless chain round their stricken leader.

In the dawn two tugs arrived and the volunteer party returned to Kelly and got her in tow. The wind and sea rose again. Waves swept her from end to end. Again the bombers attacked — and failed.

Steel Helmet

The guns were worked by hand, the crews scrambling over the wreckage from one gun to another as each came to bear on the attacking aircraft.

The able seaman who had volunteered to act as cook kept rushing from his stew pot, to his gun and back again in the lulls of his cooking.

He persisted in wearing a large white apron and steel helmet throughout.

On the Monday afternoon, having been ninety-one hours in tow or hove to, Kelly arrived in port. She had beaten the most determined Nazi onslaughts from the air, dodged submarines and evaded surface craft.

BIT HER NOSE

A MAN WAS STATED AT GLAMORGAN ASSIZES AT SWANSEA TO HAVE BITTEN OFF PART OF HIS WIFE'S NOSE AND THEN TO HAVE PAID A SUBSTANTIAL SUM FOR PLASTIC TREATMENT WHICH REMOVED THE DISFIGUREMENT.

Anthony Misud, thirty, a Maltese fireman, was bound over for three years on a charge of unlawfully wounding his wife with intent to disfigure her.

It was stated that he and his wife had a dispute as to the ownership of a cafe business.

GERMANS DOUBTING RESULTS OF WAR

The latest issue of the Schwarze Korps, the organ of the Nazi S.S. men, complains that many people in Germany have the audacity to question the results of the war so far achieved.

It is often said about the result of the war in France, remarks the paper impatiently, that precious time was wasted in marching to Lyons and Southern France while there was no attempt to cross the Channel, and it warns German people to refrain from making such "ridiculous remarks."

A Major Martin, writing in the German Army publication "Die Wehrmacht," also hits out at grumblers: "Women at home," he says, "show a lack of understanding by saying that our army does nothing, and by asking why men who are sorely needed at home cannot be allowed to return."

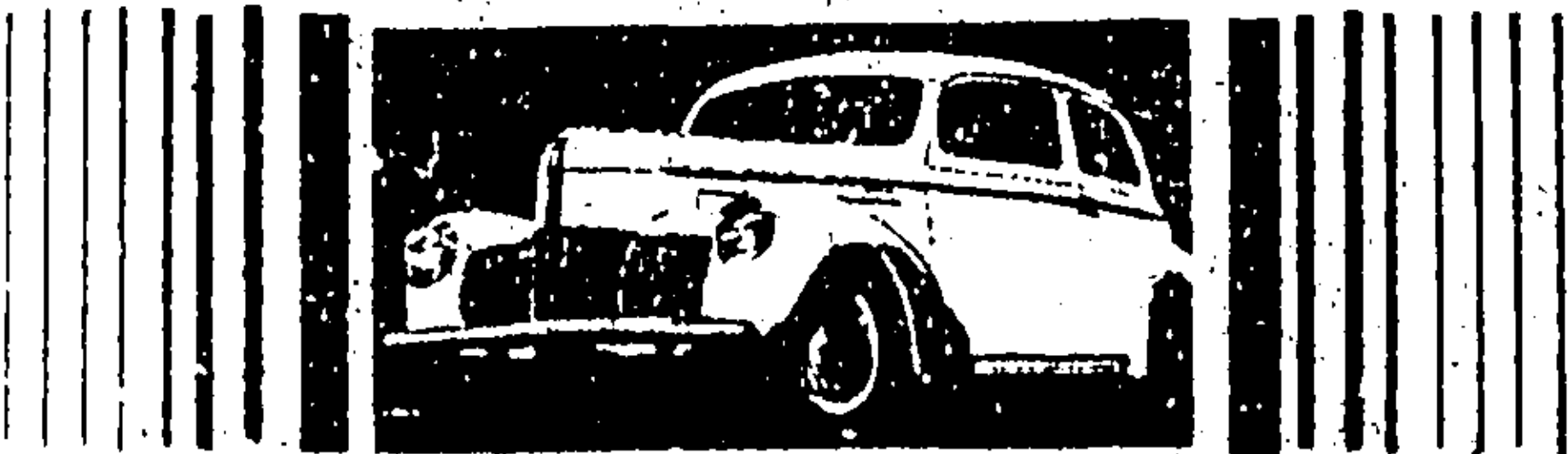
"The same question is often asked by soldiers, who seem to think that war can be carried on by the navy and the air force."

Major Martin's comment is: "Yes, we won the war in Poland, Norway, Holland and France, but it is not sufficient to have reached this aim, as England is not willing to recognise our victories."

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DON'T GIVE UP! By The Four Aces

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Neither side vulnerable

♠ 8 5
♥ Q 4
♦ 8 7 6
♣ A K Q 10 5 3

♠ A Q 2
♥ K 10 8 3
♦ Q 3
♣ 8 7 6 2

N
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♠ 10 6 4 3
♥ 9 7 5 2
♦ A 10 4 2
♣ 9

♠ K J 9 7
♥ A J 6
♦ K J 9 5
♣ J 4

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
3♣	Pass		

West led the three of hearts, and South put up dummy's Queen in order to lead a diamond. East played a low diamond, and South guessed wrong by playing the Jack. West won with the Queen of diamonds and looked mournfully at the dummy.

Obviously, Declarer had six club tricks whenever he wanted to take them; and just as obviously, he had the heart Ace, and therefore two sure heart tricks. But six and two totalled only eight when West went to school, so there was still hope for him. South still needed a ninth trick, and West wasn't going to help him make it; so he made the safest possible return—a club.

Dummy won with the club Queen, and South once more had to decide where his ninth trick lay. Once more he guessed wrong—this time by leading a spade. The finesse of the spade Jack lost to West's Queen, and back came another club. This had to be won in dummy, and South had to run the rest of the clubs then or never.

But the last club squeezed the life out of him! He could save only four cards, one of which had to be the heart Ace. It was therefore necessary to blank either the spade or the diamond King. The defence could therefore take the two Aces together with a low card in the suit South had unguarded.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner, and with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q J 10 4
♥ Q J 10 9
♦ K 9
♣ K J 9

The bidding:

Malor	Schenken	Jacoby	You
1♥	2♦	Dbl.	(?)

ANSWER: Redouble. Even if your partner's overcall is extremely weak, he should be able to win eight tricks with your support. Moreover, and most important of all, you are ready to double any attempted escape by the opponents.

Score 100% for redouble, 20% for pass, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 631

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner, and with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 7
♥ A Q J 8 6 3
♦ K J 9 4
♣ K 5

The bidding:

Jacoby	Malor	You	Schenken
Pass	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer

To-morrow.)
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AMBULANCES FOR GREECE

Twenty-five fully-equipped ambulances were presented to the Greek Government by the British American Ambulance Corps at impressive ceremonies at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral in New York.—Router.

SAVED BY BIBLE

A survivor of the armed merchant cruiser *Laurentic*, sunk by German submarines, owes his life to the fact that he left a crowded lifeboat to go back for his grandfather's Bible.

The man, Frederick William Train, twenty-two, a coder, joined the Navy last May, and the *Laurentic* was his first ship.

"We were hit at about nine o'clock on Sunday evening. The ship heeled over on one side and all the lights went out," said Train.

Into Another Boat

"The ship looked as if it were settling down" and the captain gave the order to abandon ship. I swarmed down a rope ladder into a lifeboat and then remembered that I had left behind my grandfather's Bible. I went back into the cabin for it.

"I grabbed the Bible and climbed down a rope in time to get into another boat.

"We were picked up at about 4.30 in the morning by a warship. Before it went down the *Patroclus* came steaming up to our aid.

"As one of our lifeboats got to the *Patroclus* a torpedo struck the side of that ship."

The Bible was presented to Train's grandfather by a Sunday School class in New South Wales, Australia, in 1897.

ARMY AIDS BRASS BANDS

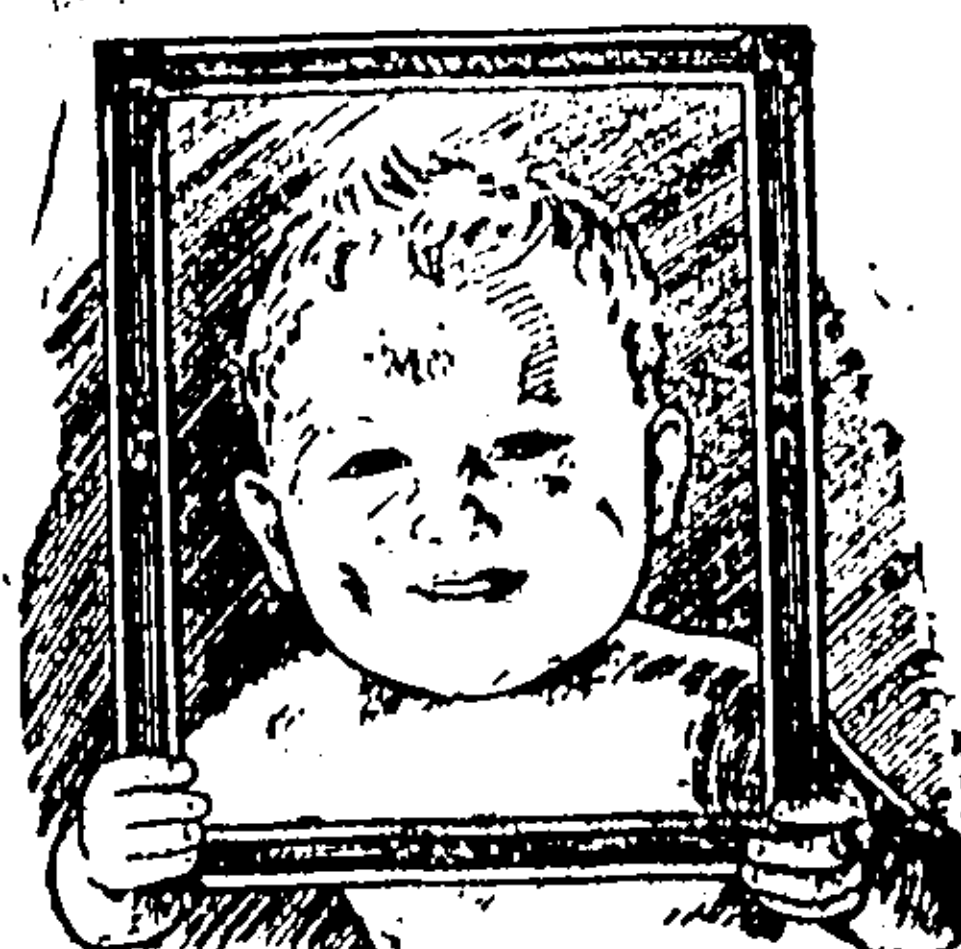
Though this year for the first time since the last war there will be no national festival for the brass bands of Britain, an intensive recruiting of bandmen and bandwomen is now taking place.

The War Office has called in the biggest personality in the brass band world—Mr. John Henry Iles, 79-year-old founder and director of the National Bands Festival to put the Army bands once again in their rightful position.

He is trying to establish bands in every Army regiment in the Civil Defence and Women's Services and in the Home Guards.

Mr. Iles told a reporter he is trying to keep home bands going, too, using very young and very old bandmen.

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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"You're wasting your time talking to me about 'Relativity,' Professor—I'm an orphan."

Here's Luck

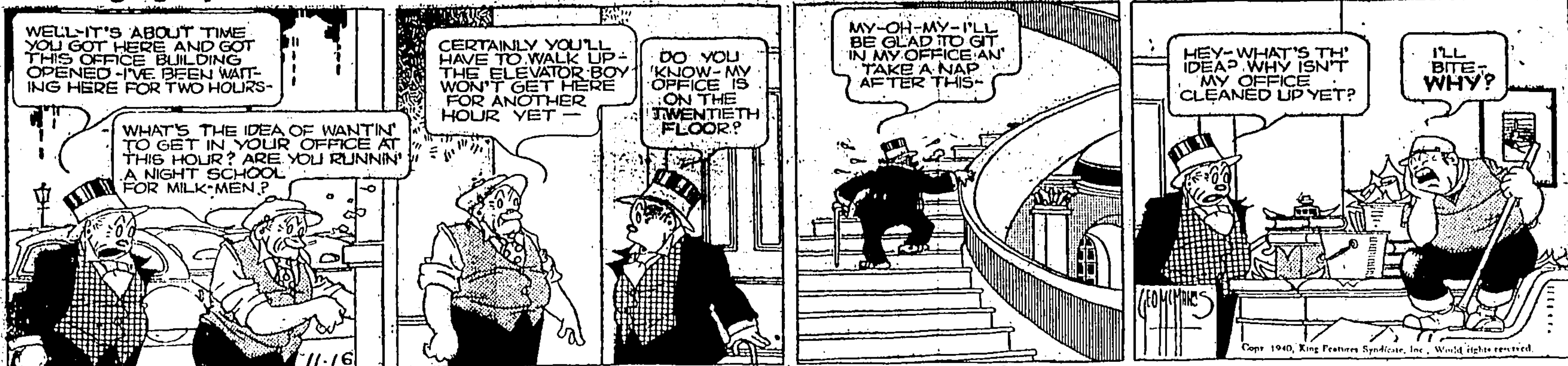
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacMahus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Strengthen Midriff And Spine

There is no time like to-day for taking your figure problem seriously and to begin a streamlining programme. Come, spring and you will be a beauty!

In consulting with Miss Catherine Van Rensselaer, who is the able director of the Continuum, Center of the American Woman's Association, I offer you the first of a series of exercises for the correction of the most common figure flaws. These are, as you might guess, too heavy hips and thighs, flabby or prominent abdomen, a dowager's hump and a stiff spine which causes poor posture and health.

"Every figure can be improved," claims Miss Van Rensselaer, "by exercises which strengthen the spine and abdomen. It is my opinion that such exercises should be practiced daily even though a woman may be concentrating on refashioning specific parts of her body."

The following three exercises should be practiced daily until the next of the series appear. If you have not been exercising let me caution you to go easily at first until you limber your body. Study the directions with care, try the exercises slowly at first and then once you catch the knack and the rhythm, do each five or six times at first. Gradually increase the number of times until you are doing them as often as is directed at the end of each movement. Remember that exercise is essential but it should not be overdone any more than sun-bathing should be! Take to it gradually.



Dressed in easy clothes this young beauty is practicing the splendid Alternative Toe Touch Exercise in the gymnasium of the American Woman's Association, under expert direction.

Begin To-day To Practice These

ALTERNATE TOE TOUCH WITH FORWARD BEND: Sit with legs apart, arms extended outward

at shoulder level. Bend forward and touch both hands to left foot, twisting trunk at same time. Resume original position, rest, then touch both hands to right foot.

Five times to each side and repeat.

ALTERNATE LEG PLACING BACKWARD WITH HOP: Squat, sitting on heels, hands in front of you on floor, between your knees. Extend right leg straight back and with a hop replace right leg and extend left leg. In fairly fast rhythm, 15 to 20 times. Rest and repeat.

SEMI-SOMERSAULT: Lie on back, arms overhead. Sit up and touch the toes, then lie back at the same time swinging legs forward and upward until toes touch floor behind your head. Lower legs to floor and repeat in easy rhythm 10 to 15 times.

Fabrics Suited To The Screen Also Suited To Us

THAT bromide about all trades having tricks was never truer than when applied to designers in studio wardrobe departments. For they must know not only the most becoming materials for their stars, but how to select them for wearability.

Never doubt that, despite all the extravagant splendour employed by motion picture executives to doll up the darlings of the screen, these businessmen are nevertheless economy minded. For they are—and very much so!

The lavish frocks worn first by Merle Oberon or Olivia de Havilland will appear again a few months later on featured players, only to be worn time and time again, after that, by extra girls. This is not news. But—believing that those materials which prove most serviceable in a picture company's wardrobe department will, by this same token, prove the best buys for those of you who cannot replace your wardrobes each season, we dropped into Warner Brothers' wardrobe department, recently, to pick up helpful news of fabric values.

Taffeta Their Bugaboo

Of course, some materials, taffeta for example, which are suited to use by everyday folks, draw down the wrath of Hollywood designers and wardrobe departments for other reasons than fragility. Taffeta is the big bugaboo of all screen designers because, according to Orry Kelly, Warner

Brothers' stylist, while it photographs more beautifully than any other material due to its high sheen, it brings down the wrath of the sound man because of its noisy swish.

Wools are perhaps the favourite of all materials in picture studio wardrobe departments. This is Orry Kelly's pet material. But here the designer and the extra girl's wardrobe department are in complete accord—because wool cleans and cleans but looks forever new.

Chiffon has the shortest screen life of any material, because it goes limp after one cleaning. A little gray chiffon with silver leather dirndl, worn by Olivia in a picture now among the archives, breathed only once again on a lesser known player, and then passed on to the Salvation Army. Silver or gold cloth is very impractical. The magnificent metallic gowns worn in "The Sea Hawk" are already showing signs of turning green. But the tapestry gowns and those of heavy, lustreous satin are as rich and gleaming after their final cleaning, before being temporarily shelved, as they were the first day Brenda Marshall donned them.

On The Extravagant List

Beaded gowns are strictly on the studio's "extravagance" list, yet they are so lovely that a star adores having one. They flatter her eyes and hair, the little beads catching the lights of the sets; and

the gowns become ultra glamorous material for the cameraman. But a very rich gown heavy with beads elicits songs of woe from the wardrobe mistress. It must be handled with velvet gloves, caressed, treated tenderly by the cleaning man and laid carefully away lest the delicate threads break and the beads actually drip. On the other side of the practical fabric fence is Ann Sheridan's white linen suit worn every day for twelve weeks and still as good as new. This was one of the two costume changes she used in "Torrid Zone," and this one, little suit went through numerous trials and tribulations, as you know if you've seen the picture. Each night it was cleaned; and each morning it looked so new that it had to be rumpled up to make the scenes plausible.

Suede is popular, both with Mr. Kelly and his assistants, because of its high style, its wearability, and its cleanability.

But what about that taffeta frock that annoyed the sound man with its regal and reminiscent swish? Stars will wear taffeta! So, during the filming of "All This and Heaven Too," it was fortunately discovered that Bette Davis' quaint little taffeta costumes could be made as noiseless as a moccasin by the wearing of a cheesecloth petticoat between the frock and her ruffled starched petticoats. No longer will taffeta be barred from studio sets!

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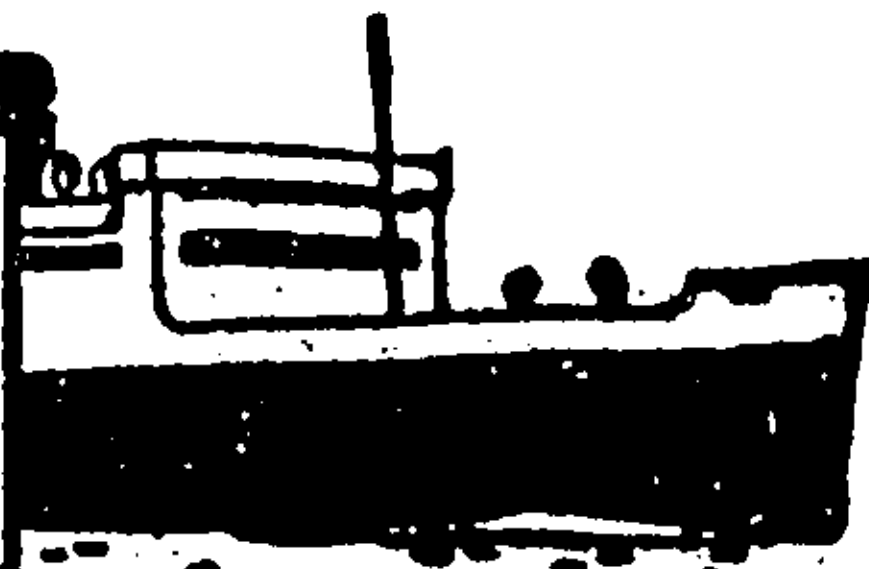
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Everyone in the shelter escaped. Police and A.R.P. men swam for some time in the icy water to make sure of it.

One bomb had fallen in the road, and the other burst at the base of the orphanage building above the shelter, breaking a water main.

The Air Ministry's report of the night's raids said that while in general they were not particularly heavy, they were somewhat greater than on the previous night, but practically ceased soon after midnight.

Most of the casualties occurred when a building was demolished near the south bank of the Thames Estuary.

In the London area a few fires were caused but only one of these was large and all were soon under control.

The Thames Estuary building mentioned in the communique was a public house, which suffered a direct hit. The bomb fell when the public house was very busy and only one bar was left standing. Several people were killed.

A bomb which fell in the outskirts of London wrecked six houses and damaged others.

Rescue workers were still searching at night for Mrs. Daisy Brookes and her four-year old daughter.

Mr. Brookes had suggested a visit to the cinema, but his wife preferred to stay at home. He returned to find his house gone and wife and child buried under the wreckage.

TYPISTS ARE NOW SKILLED FORESTERS

CITY GIRLS who used to do everything from typing, serving in shops and factory work are now doing all the jobs that men can do on the farm, and more besides.

Some of them, after expert tuition in Western England's Forest of Dean, are now skilled foresters.

Detail of the work the land girls are doing in Gloucestershire, one of the largest employing counties of the Women's Land Army, were revealed at a rally in Gloucester's Shire Hall.

Training in Gloucestershire of the Women's Land Army began in June of last year, and two short courses of training had been completed by the time war broke out.

Among the occupations the land girls followed before the war were the following: art teachers, students, domestic servants, shop assistants, nurses, factory workers, barmaids, cashiers, typists, hairdressers and kennel-maids.

Now they are employed on farms, doing milking and dairy work, driving tractors and looking after pigs and poultry, while others are market-gardeners and forestry workers.

Perhaps the most fortunate are the girls who have taken up forestry. They are trained at a hostel at Parkend, in the Forest of Dean. Since the hostel opened in January there have been continuous classes for groups of 20 girls at a time.

Thirty-five of the girls are already employed by the Forestry Commission as timber measurers and foresters, and are working now in the historic Forest.

One thing that should interest girls in other parts of the country is that there is no unemployment among Gloucestershire land girls. The problem is to find enough girls to satisfy the demand.

TELLS OF ACCUSED DAUGHTER

Two women, eyes filled with tears, faced each other across the sombre No. 1 Court at the Old Bailey.

The one, pale-faced, with a shock of auburn hair, was charged with murder; the other, a small, homely woman—mother of the woman on trial—was in the witness-box.

It was the second day of the trial in which Mrs. Florence Ransom, thirty-five, of Piddington, Bicester, Oxfordshire, is charged with the murder, on July 9, of her lover's wife, Mrs. Dorothy Fisher, of Tonbridge, Kent.

The mother, Mrs. Mary Guilford, glanced shyly around the court. Then she saw her daughter seated in the dock.

Counsel for the defence put a question to Mrs. Guilford that caused tears to come to her eyes.

"Do you remember," he asked, "the day your daughter was born thirty-five years ago?"

Then, quietly, with emotion, Mrs. Guilford, replying to questions, told the history of her daughter as a baby and young woman.

It was alleged that Mrs. Ransom travelled from Bicester to Matfield on July 9, carrying with her a poacher's gun, and shot Mrs. Fisher and the other two women. She was not charged with the murder of Miss Fisher and Miss Saunders.

"Another Man"

When her daughter returned on July 9, said Mrs. Guilford, she looked as if she were crazy and bewildered.

Mrs. Guilford said: "Wherever have you been?" and her daughter replied that she had fallen in the field striking her head.

The next day her daughter told her that the day before she had been with a man whose Christian name was Dudley.

Mrs. Guilford said: "Why don't you tell Mr. Fisher?" And her daughter replied: "I cannot. Mr. Fisher would not understand that kind of friendship."

Mrs. Jessie Guilford, wife of Frederick Vernon Guilford, said that when Mrs. Ransom read the newspaper account of the tragedy she staggered and she helped her to the bedroom.

"I did not tell the police the truth in the first place," said Mrs. Guilford, "because my sister-in-law thought I should shield her. She said that if the police questioned me I was to say certain things, one being that she was on the farm on Tuesday."

The hearing was adjourned.

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SONNETS WRITTEN IN PRISON CELL

Come, take this bread; had I the wine as well,

Pressed from the richest grapes of some far State,

Despite all wars, within this narrow cell

The Blessed Sacrament we'd celebrate;

The bread I swear is pure, for nothing mars

The offering of a heart that knows no bars.

The above is an extract from a poem, "To a Sparrow," written by Mr. T. E. Nicholas, the Welsh poet, in his cell in Swansea Prison.

Mr. Nicholas, with his son, Mr. T. I. Nicholas, have been released from prison following an appeal against detention before an Advisory Committee sitting at Ascot. They were detained on July 12 as the result of an Order made by the Home Secretary under the Defence Regulations.

During his stay in Brixton and Swansea Prisons, Mr. Nicholas composed a number of sonnets. He was not allowed paper for writing, and therefore wrote his sonnets on the cell slate and then committed them to memory.

On his return to Aberystwyth, Mr. Nicholas paid tribute to the prison officials at Brixton and Swansea. They were, he said, kind and considerate.

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Indians Rise To The Occasion

Beat Baseballers After Extra Time; Still In Running

Omar And Hassan Hold On To Brilliant Catches

By "Grandstand"

ALL THE SOFTBALL GAMES in the Senior League on Sunday were featured by close decisions, but the one which kept the fans on their feet until the last put-out, was the Indian Softballers-Hong Kong Baseballers tilt which went into two extra innings before the Indians downed the Mohawks 7-5 to stay in the pennant race.

Frank Crews, starting for the Baseballers in his initial mound appearance, yielded eight safeties before he was derailed in favour of regular hurler Cy "Screwball" Jones, who only allowed three blows for the rest of the game, but they were all bunched up in the ninth for the winning runs.

Crews whiffed one, whilst Jones accounted for two via the same route. Kassa Nazarin went the route for the Indians and spaced seven hits, and neither walked nor fanned any.

Indians' Early Threat

The Indians threatened from the start, when Kitchell and Nazarin both singled, but Ahwoo Omar fled out and "Baby" Abbas hit into a double play for the side to be retired.

The Mohawks drew first blood when lofty left-fielder Hank Sperry slashed a double, and scored on Ahwoo Omar's wild strong-arm heave. In the second both sides were shutout, but the Indians pushed across the tie-breaker in the third, when Tarzan Ismail romped home on a fielder's choice.

In the fifth the Indians chalked up two more markers on three successive safeties. Taking over pitching duties in the sixth, Cy Jones walked Maheen Arculli, who dented the home-plate for another Indian score.

In the Mohawk half of the sixth, Johnnie Schaberg's four-master drove in Hearther and Davis after two down, for the Waggoners to trail one behind, whilst Lou Tught's timely single in the seventh stanza evened the count.

In the first overtime chapter, both sides were blanked, but the Indians accounted for two tallies in the second extra session to take the lead. In the Mohawk's home half, Jones was given a life on Kitchell's wild heave, but Molthen, Morris and Sperry fled out to end the game.

Two Double-Plays

Two twin-killings were made by the Mohawks, first on a Waggoner-Fitch-Hearther play which snuffed Kitchell and Abbas, and on a Leight to Hearther play, erasing Arculli and Hamet.

Both Ahwoo Omar and Savage Hassan, Indian gardeners brought down sensational catches, the former camping under nine and the latter snaring three, all of which were marked for hits.

Nazarin's three in five, which included a three-bagger, was the best willow performance, whilst Johnnie Schaberg's homer with ducks in the pond, was the longest clout of the game.

Last-Minute Victory

Although the Chinese Baseballers out-hit the Recreio Aces 12-8, the latter snatched a last-inning victory from the Lumen. Both sides fielded scratch teams, the Aces being augmented by roping in Billy Soares and Luigi Gosano from their junior team, whilst the Chinese Baseballers, in the absence of the U.S.S. Mindanao from port, had to utilise the services of Vic Lim and Kenny Wong, the last-named being the answer to every pitcher's prayer in his three trips to the plate and back again.

The Chinese Baseballers went into a hitting spree in the initial frame and tallied four times, but were held scoreless for the remainder of the game.

The Aces scored once in each of the first two chapters and again in the fifth, Nick Ballrao's sacrifice in the sixth driving in Eddie Gosano for the tying marker.

With their last time at bat coming up, Luigi Gosano, who had remained hitless all afternoon, rapped a single and scored on Caco Marques' single.

Chinese first-bagger Tommy Chan and Caco Marques both had perfect batting days, both clouting a neat 1,000 in four trips.

Johnnie Alvares, on the mound

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE

SENIOR LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
St. Joseph's	8	2	.800
Indians	8	3	.727
Hong Kong Baseballers	7	3	.700
Cyclones	6	4	.600
Recreio Aces	5	4	.556
Chinese Baseballers	3	5	.375
Filipinos	2	7	.222
Canadian Chinese	0	11	.000

JUNIOR LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
Chung Hwa	9	1	.909
V.R.C.	8	1	.889
R.A.F.	6	3	.667
Recreio Bees	6	3	.667
Cosmos	6	4	.600
South China	4	4	.500
Liga Portuguesa	3	5	.375
Royal Scots	3	5	.375
8th R.A.	3	7	.300
Central Britishers	1	8	.111
Royal Engineers	0	7	.000

LADIES' LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
Canadian Chinese	9	1	.900
Wildcats	9	1	.900
Wahoos	9	2	.818
Panthers	7	5	.583
Cardinals	6	6	.500
Ramblerettes	3	9	.250
Little Flowers	1	9	.100
Chung Hwa	0	11	.000

INTER HONG LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
Hong Kong Bankers	3	0	1.000
Texaco Oilers	4	1	.800
Shell Oilers	3	1	.750
Chartered Bankers	1	1	.500
Lacas	2	2	.500
Cables	0	4	.000
Greenspots	0	4	.000

JUNIORS

League Leaders Just Win

By "Grandstand"

In the Junior Softball circuit on Sunday both the Chung Hwa and V.R.C. pennant chasers had narrow squeaks, when they both eked out narrow victories after trailing behind for the greater part of the game.

In the opener at Chatham Road, Chung Hwa triumphed over the South China nine by 6-4 with a four-run attack in the fourth after the latter had the lead from the start. South China lost their chance when they had the sack-choked with only one away, but got crossed up on a squeeze play.

Al Lau started on the mound for Chung Hwa but was relieved by P. F. "Clutch-Hurler" Choy Bill Quon and Cecil Winglee went the route for Nam Hwa and the

longest hit of the day was a triple belted by Al Lau.

In the V.R.C.-Cosmos clash, the Crusaders pulled the game out of the fire by two timely spurges of runs in the fifth and sixth, which netted them 13 markers. Sonny "Jock" Brown drew the pitching assignment for the Victorians, fanning four and walking one, whilst Blas, tossing them over for the Cosmos, whiffed one and passed three.

Cosmos Take Lead

Bimby (The Blimp) Ablong singled in the initial frame, but Roy Maxwell hit into a double play for a V.R.C. bank inning. The Cosmos jumped into the lead with a four-hit three-run start, but both sides were blanked in the next session.

In the third, Manuel Roza dented the counting station on a tumble for the first V.R.C. tally, but the Cosmos came back with two more.

Roy Maxwell, Alec Azedo and Cecil Quinn went out in one-two-three order in the fourth.

Regaining their form somewhat, the Crusaders shellacked hurler Blas for eight safeties in the next two stanzas to sew up the game.

Ernie Ribeiro clouted the only homer of the fracas, whilst Bimby Ablong and Blas shared batting honours with two safeties each in their three trips to the platter.

Tony Sandberg, A. Smirke and Willie Woo completed the only twin-killing of the game when they erased Roy Maxwell and Bimby Ablong in the first.

Gunners Cause Upset

In the night-cap, the 8th R.A. created the upset of the week by numbing the Kai Tak Airmen by 7-2.

CREWE CLOSING DOWN

Crewe Alexandra F.C. are likely to close down for the second half of the season, unless they are better supported.

Their share of the gate, in a recent away match was 7s, and on another occasion they netted less than 30s, after match expenses had been met.

GIRLS' LEAGUE

CANADIANS SUFFER SEASON'S FIRST REVERSE

By "Grandstand"

CANADIAN CHINESE suffered their first setback of the softball season when, on Sunday, they were humiliated by the Wildcats by 11-2 for the League leadership to be tied.

Toeing the rubber for the Maple Leafs, Mary Ng started off like a four-alarm blaze in a mattress factory as she smoked them past five bewildered Wildcats in the first two frames, but she lost her control when hndsnatcher Dot Louie was knocked cold by stopping a foul tip off Gloria Mai with her eye.

Besides fanning five, Mary issued three free tickets to first, was guilty of two wild pitches and was combed for nine safeties.

Wildcat slabstress The ma Col-laco gave a sterling performance by chucking a two-bitter, walking two and fanning two.

No Score

Both sides were shut out in the initial chapter, although Canuckette hurler Mabel Bunn took a

stroll to first, only to be nailed at the pay-off station, whilst in the Wildcats' half with the willow, Irene Pereira waved at three fast ones for the first strikeout.

In the second frame, Dot Louie was given a life by Gloria Mai's wild heave and scored on Mavis Chan's single, but Wildcat Cynthia "Sailor" da Motta came through with a timely single to tie the count.

In the fourth two more Wild-cats runs came over the pan on two hits helped by three Canuckette bobbles. Taking advantage of the Canuckette crack-up, the Untamed Felines let loose a barrage of hits to put the issue beyond doubt.

Ca'cher Cynthia da Motta was in perfect slugging form, in her four turns with the hickory, connecting safely three times and driving in four runs for her side.

Her three hits included a two-bagger, the only extra-base clout of the game. Centre-fielder Virginia Chu also returned a brilliant two-in-three.

Chung Hwa Massacred

In the Cardinals-Chung Hwa merry-go-round the Redbirds chalked up a 26-1 victory in a five-inning massacre in which Chung Hwa hurler Funghtie Law was nicked for 15 safeties, whilst her mates were only able to collect two blows off Cardinal hurler Efe-eina Babida.

Homers were belted in by Babida, Gladys Hutchinson and Marie Roza.

In the Baby Panthers-Recreio Ramblerettes tussle, the Panthers pulled their game out of the fire by a four-run rally in the sixth. The Pantherettes were without the services of regular short-stop Regina Xavier and left-fielder Norma Silva, Patsy Ribeiro and Celeste Gutierrez being thrown in to fill the breach.

Lelia Xavier, on the hillock for the Panthers, fanned three and walked one, whilst Gerry Jorge, on the s'ab for the Ramblerettes, whiffed two and passed three.

Pantherette Celeste Marques banged in the only circuit clout, whilst Theresa Marques accounted for both two-baggers. Hilda Soares returned a perfect batting figure in three times.



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ST. ANDREW'S SHOULD BEAT K'LOON TONG

With the fixture between the two best-balanced teams — Chung Wah and Recreio — postponed until Friday, this evening's Junior Division Badminton matches offer little of interest.

Under normal circumstances the St. Andrew's-Kowloon Tong fixture would have been a good one but Kowloon Tong will be without many of their usual players owing to injuries and other reasons, whereas the Saints will be at full strength.

The suburbanites have not a combination like Fincher and Kew and this will make all the difference; the home team should win.

In other matches, King's College should have little difficulty against Victoria Recreation Club, while Kowloon Cricket Club should secure another win this time at the expense of Police.

Following is the programme and score of the team.

Programme

King's College v V.R.C.
P.R.C. v K.C.C.
St. Andrew's v Kowloon Tong
King's College v S.P. Chan and K.J. Atwell, W.C. Chung and K.L. Lau, K.H. Lo and T. Lam
V.R.C. v D.M. Xavier and S.A. Rungiah, A. Basso and M.M. de V. Soares, F. Castro and A.A. Remedios

P.R.C. v W. Gillies and L. Gordon, C.Y. Siu and J. Shepherd, H. Dingsdale and J. Ferner
St. Andrew's v E.F. Fincher and H. Kew, A.E. Brown and S.A. Gray, M.M. Davies and B. Gillespie

Kowloon Tong:—Peter Lo and M.S. Lee, R.E. Lee and S.C. Chan, J.A. Chan and R.M. Lavelle.



FOOTBALL FIXTURES AT HOME

The following are the home football fixtures for Feb. 8:

LONDON CUP

Aldershot v Queen's P.R.; Brentford v Fulham; Crystal P. v Chelsea; Arsenal v Clapton O.; Reading v Millwall; West Ham v Tottenham.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE (SOUTH)
Bournemouth v Southend; Portsmouth v Southampton; Watford v Brighton.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE WAR CUP (Preliminary Round)
Blackpool v Stockport; Bradford C. v Bolton; Crewe v Southport; Sheffield W. v York.

NORTH REGIONAL
Barnsley v Bradford; Blackburn v Halifax; Burnley v Bury; Hull v Chesterfield; Liverpool v Everton; Middlesbrough v Newcastle; Oldham v Manchester C.; Preston v Sheffield U.; Rochdale v Grimsby.

SOUTH REGIONAL
Cardiff v Bristol; Mansfield v Notts F.

INTERNATIONAL (At Newcastle)
England v Scotland.

T. WHITLEY IN GREAT FORM

By "Sportshawk"

At King's Park yesterday afternoon, Hong Kong Hockey Club defeated Indian Army by 4 goals to 1 in the Quadrangular Hockey Tournament after leading by 3 goals to 1 at the interval.

A. F. P. Guest, inside-left, who has been on the injured list since Sunday, and Morgan, left-wing, were absentees from the Club team but their places were taken by B. T. Gosano and J. Gon-salves, respectively.

Bond and Taylor were a good pair of backs for Club. They kept the soldiers out for the most part of the game, while W. A. Reed finished himself in the pivotal position.

To attack, Smith and T. Whitley combined well and they both gave good support to their leader, E. Fowler.

T. Whitley was the outstanding player in the Club team.

To the losers, Hay, Faqr Mohd, inside-right, played a brilliant all-round game. He showed very good stick-work, which brought to mind P. Singh, of Kumaon Kullu, former Colony player.

Hay Bhag Singh held his position well at left-half, while N. Asad Hussain was impressive in defence.

Indians Score First

The Indians drew first blood through Hay, Faqr Mohd about three minutes after the whistle, but T. Whitley equalised for Club shortly after. The same player added a further goal to place Club in the lead, and E. Fowler netted the last goal for the first period.

Smith scored the only second-half goal for Club.

Club: Benwell, Bond and Taylor; McLehlan, W. A. Reed and N. Whitley; Smith, T. Whitley, E. Fowler, B. T. Gosano and J. Gon-salves.

Indian Army:—L. M. A. Ausari; Capt. W. S. Wood and Nk. Ayib Hussain, Nk. Murad Khan, Hay, Amanat Ali and Hay, Bhag Singh; Hay, Aziz Mohd, Faqr Mohd, Sep. Nasir Mohd, Gur. Sahai Singh and L/Nk. Wassan Singh.

REFEREES' MEETING

The monthly meeting of Football Referees' Association was held at the Hotel Cecil last evening. Mr. H. Beard was in the chair, assisted by Mr. J. F. de Silva, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

A proposal to request the Football Association to award referees and linesmen with souvenirs in the form of whistles and medals when officiating at senior and junior shield final and Interpor games was shelved until more prosperous times.

After routine matters had been disposed of, the Chairman called on R.M.S. Ford to address the meeting.

ARSENAL'S SPORTING GESTURE

As a gesture of sympathy with the difficulties in which Northampton found themselves recently, when five of their players failed to appear, Mr. George Allison, the Arsenal manager, has offered two further fixtures between the clubs this season.

Mr. A. C. J. Sherwin, chairman of Stoke City F.C. from 1924 to 1936, has died.

13 ENTRIES FOR CHESS TOURNEY

Opening matches for the Colony Junior Chess Championship will be played on Thursday, February 13. Fifteen entries have been received, and the draw, made on Monday, resulted as follows:—

A. Kurrik v Un Kwai-yung; A. Morton v William Lee; R. C. Gardner v J. Grafton; V. V. Kolachoff v J. H. d'Almeida; R. C. Danenberg v A. Y. Biriukoff; To Yu-lau v J. Tausz; D. Drake v A. C. Poupard.

Bye, E. M. Petrov.

The draw for white and black will be announced with the issue of the round by round programme. The games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays on or before the dates set out in the programme. Games adjourned will be completed within a fortnight of the adjournment and all matches will be played at the Peninsula Hotel.

LEAGUE MATCH POSTPONED

The First Division League Cricket match between Kowloon Cricket Club and Civil Service for Saturday has been postponed to a later date.

The following will represent Civil Service in Second Division against Indian R.C. at Sookunpoo: H. E. Strange, G. Ainslie, J. Barrow, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, J. F. MacGowan, J. Mitchell, H. Parrott, N. L. Smith and A. Watson.

ARMY RUGBY

The games were played in the Large Units Army Rugby League at Sookunpoo yesterday and resulted in Middlesex beating Combined Small Units, and Engineers, winners of the Small Units Competition, beating Royal Artillery.

In the first game between Middlesex and Combined Small Units the former won by a penalty goal, a try and a goal (11 points) to a try (3 points).

Berry, Burrell, Freshwater and Man were the outstanding players for the Middlesex regiment while Sheehan also put in some good work.

Middlesex opened the scoring through Berry who kicked a penalty goal and shortly after Freshwater after a good run down the field passed to Burrell who scored a fine try which was converted by Berry.

In the second half, Macdonald scored for Small Units but Freshwater made the game safe when he beat off several opponents to score a try which Berry failed to convert.

Last-Minute Win

In the other game Engineers, winners of the Small Units competition, snatched a last-minute win by three tries (9 points) to a goal and a try (8 points) over Royal Artillery.

Engineers took the lead early in the game when Davis broke through but Birrell failed to convert.

Easterbrook scored a try for Gunners which Keeble converted. In the second half Gunners scored through Marsh but Pearce failed with the kick. Birrell reduced the lead but failed to convert and in the closing minutes Foley gave his side a win.

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Reinstatement Of Laval Believed Conceded

Negotiation In Paris To Continue

SUBMARINE CREW DECORATED

Awards to officers and men of the submarine Thunderbolt (formerly Thetis) for courage, skill and seamanship were announced in the London "Gazette" last night and recall the recent destruction of an Italian submarine.

Lt. C. Crouch is given the D.S.O. and Lt. Stevens gets the D.S.C., while a number of the crew receive the D.S.M. or are mentioned in despatches.—Reuter.

NEW HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

Laszlo Bardossy, Hungarian Minister in Bucharest, has been appointed Foreign Minister in succession to Count Csaky, says a Budapest despatch to the official German news agency quoted by Reuter.

ADMIRAL DARLAN REACHED VICHY FROM PARIS LAST NIGHT AND CONFERRED IMMEDIATELY WITH MARSHAL PETAIN.

It is believed in Vichy he will return to Paris "shortly"—probably to-day or Thursday—to inform the other parties in the negotiations there of the Marshal's attitude—presumably towards the reinstatement of Pierre Laval.

Earlier reports had said Laval would accompany Admiral Darlan to Vichy, the Marshal having accepted the German demand for his reinstatement in the Cabinet.

These reports added that the Vichy Government would probably be eliminated.

Meanwhile Paul Baudoin, who was Marshal Petain's first Foreign Minister and afterwards Secretary of State to the Prime Minister, is stated to have been given a new post.

This, according to the official German news agency, is the presidency of the administrative council of the Bank of Indo-China.

Nazi Broadcast Warning To France

A warning to France not to place her hopes in a British victory was broadcast in French by the German radio station at Stuttgart last night.

The speaker said such an attitude showed "inexcusable frivolity bordering on high treason," and added:

"Unless all Frenchmen make up their minds to carry out without delay the readjustment indispensable in the political, economic and social spheres, the difficulties under which France is labouring far from being relieved, will worsen—possibly with disastrous speed."—Reuter.

ITALIANS TAKE IT LYING DOWN

The destruction of grounded Italian aircraft by the South African Air Force was described in an official statement at Zaroba yesterday.

On Feb. 2 two fighters destroyed a grounded Caproni bomber at Afmadu, in Italian Somaliland.

On Feb. 3 South African bombers escorted by fighters made a low dive-bombing and machine-gunning attack at Gobwen aerodrome, in Kenya. The fighters machine-gunned grounded aircraft while the bombers dropped many heavy bombs and incendiaries.

Three Savoia 79's, one Caproni and one CR42 were destroyed. All the South African planes returned safely.—Reuter.

TERRORISM IN SOUTH ABYSSINIA

A campaign of terrorism is being conducted in southern Abyssinia, according to Abyssinian patriots who are coming to Kenya in increasing numbers for fresh supplies of rifles and ammunition.

These patriots say that Italian irregular troops, given a free hand by the Italians, have been murdering peasants and stealing stock.

Italian native levies are reported to take the view that as the Italians will probably be defeated, they might as well collect booty while they have the chance.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Large-scale Japanese operations, in which aircraft are cooperating, were started yesterday in the Sha Yu Chung area. A landing was made in Bias Bay.

Vichy is expected to reach a decision about the reinstatement of Laval in the next few days, according to a Geneva despatch to the official German news agency.

Laval considers it necessary, if he is recalled to the Government, to be given "far-reaching powers," the despatch adds.—Reuter.

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IMPERIAL FORCES SWEEP PAST CYRENE

Italians On The Run Everywhere

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at Headquarters in the Middle East)

DRIVING WEST ALONG THE COAST FROM DERNA BRITISH AND IMPERIAL FORCES CAPTURED THE SMALL TOWN OF CYRENE, ABOUT 130 MILES FROM BEN-GHAZI, ON MONDAY.

It is believed that British advance forces have already advanced past Cyrene. This seems to be indicated by mention in yesterday's R.A.F. communique of British air attacks on enemy troops retreating along the road west of Cyrene, which was Marshal Graziani's headquarters when he planned to invade Egypt.

A brief message received at General Wavell's headquarters in Cairo did not say whether the Italians had offered strong resistance at Cyrene.

It is generally assumed they held on till the last moment and fought a rearguard action when British pressure became too great.

British forces are also thrusting deeper and deeper into Mussolini's African Empire.

70 Miles From Asmara

Since the start of the offensive against Eritrea the British forces have advanced 150 miles and are now approaching the native town of Keren, about 70 miles up the railway from Asmara, capital of the colony.

The retreating Italians may possibly make a stand at Keren, though the town lacks strong defences, and is strategically unsuited to withstanding any considerable attack.

Still On Run

Further south an Italian column driven out of Barentu is still on the run eastwards, with British forces at their heels.

They are withdrawing across mountainous country towards the main Asmara-Addis Ababa road, at Adigr, 40 miles south of Asmara.

A fair number of prisoners was captured when British advance parties cut off small groups of stragglers in the mountains.

The difficulty of making progress along the mule track they are having to follow has obliged the enemy to cast aside surplus equipment, including a number of tanks and guns.

In Abyssinia

In northern Abyssinia the Italians continue to retreat towards Gondar.

They are putting obstacles in the way of the pursuing British forces but it is learned that these have reached a point some 30 miles from the Sudanese frontier. —Reuter.

TEPELINI DOOMED

Big fires in Tepelini indicate that the Italians are preparing to leave and are destroying their stores, stated Athens radio quoting a Greek Press Ministry statement issued last evening.

The radio statement declared that Greek action continues to meet with success on the Albanian front despite very bad weather in the past three days.

In the coastal area beyond Chimara, determined attacks ended in the occupation of a high mountain pass which the Italians had transformed into a powerful stronghold.

At another point a surprise attack was launched on Monday morning, resulting in the capture of important positions, many prisoners and much booty.

Italian Alpine troops among the prisoners declared that their commanders had ordered all who retreated to be shot immediately. —Reuter.

TWO JAPANESE ARRESTED

The Japanese Consulate-General in Shanghai has issued a statement saying that two Japanese involved in the burning of a match shed on the Racecourse have been arrested and held for questioning. The statement stressed that strict punishment would be meted out to the culprits if they were found guilty after trial. —Reuter.

SPRINGBOK 60-MILE ADVANCE

British and Imperial troops advancing from Kenya have penetrated 60 miles into Mussolini's East African Empire.

A communique issued in Nairobi yesterday stated British advance patrols are making good progress on all sections of the front and a number of prisoners have been captured with guns and ammunition.

British casualties were very slight.

At some places advanced patrols are well established 60 miles inside enemy territory.

In this patrol activity, African troops are showing themselves more than a match for the enemy.

Much of this activity is taking place over trackless country, with its inherent climatic and geographical difficulties. —Reuter.

NEW U.S. TRADE BAR

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT YESTERDAY PLACED OIL WELL REFINING MACHINERY, RADIUM, URANIUM, CALF SKINS AND KID SKINS UNDER THE EXPORT LICENSING SYSTEM IN CONNECTION WITH THE NATIONAL DEFENCE PROGRAMME, AS FROM MONDAY NEXT, SAYS REUTER.

ITALIAN PRISONERS ESCAPE

Two Italian prisoners of war escaped from detention camp at Ramgarh, near Calcutta, yesterday. Both were officers. —Reuter.

Japan To Admit War!

Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, revealed in Tokyo yesterday that the Government is considering invoking belligerent rights to prevent foreign assistance being given to Chungking.

Mr. Matsuoka, who was replying to a question in the Diet, remarked earlier that he wanted to make clear to the United States that Japan did not want to risk war for the sake of aspirations.

He lamented United States misunderstanding of Japan's real intentions. —Reuter.

ITALIAN DESERTERS

Deserters from Italy's Abyssinian forced levies have testified to the destructiveness and accuracy of British artillery and air bombardment.

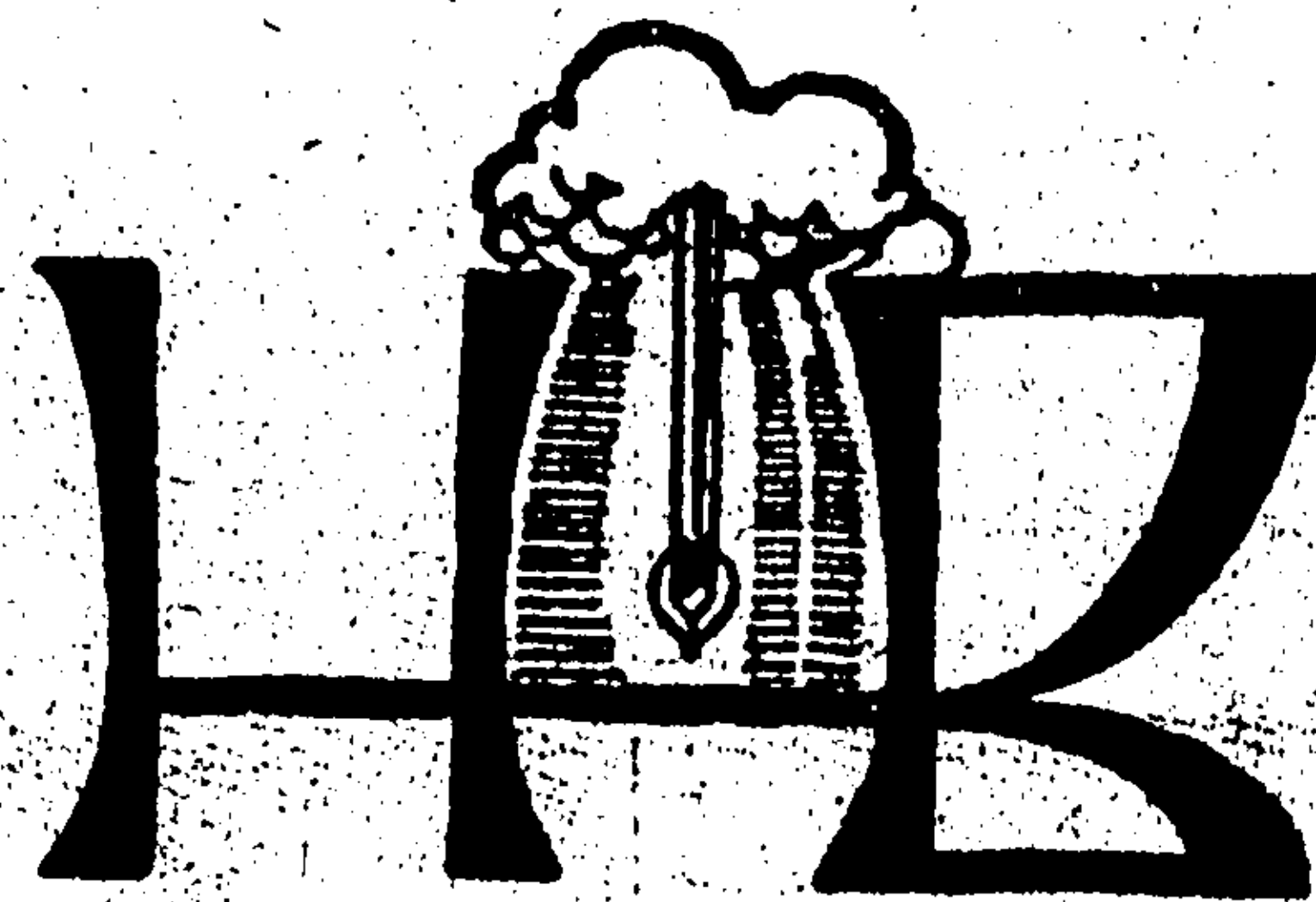
Artillery and sniping, they said are destroying Italian morale.

Indian batteries had shown a conspicuously high standard of training and their supply organisation proved extremely good. —Reuter.

H.M. CONSULATE BOMBED

A BOMB EXPLODED IN A READING ROOM ONE FLOOR BELOW THE BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL IN ZAGREB (YUGOSLAVIA) YESTERDAY. A WOMAN IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY INJURED BY THE BOMB WHICH IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN THROWN THROUGH A WINDOW. BOOKS AND FURNITURE WERE DESTROYED. —Reuter.

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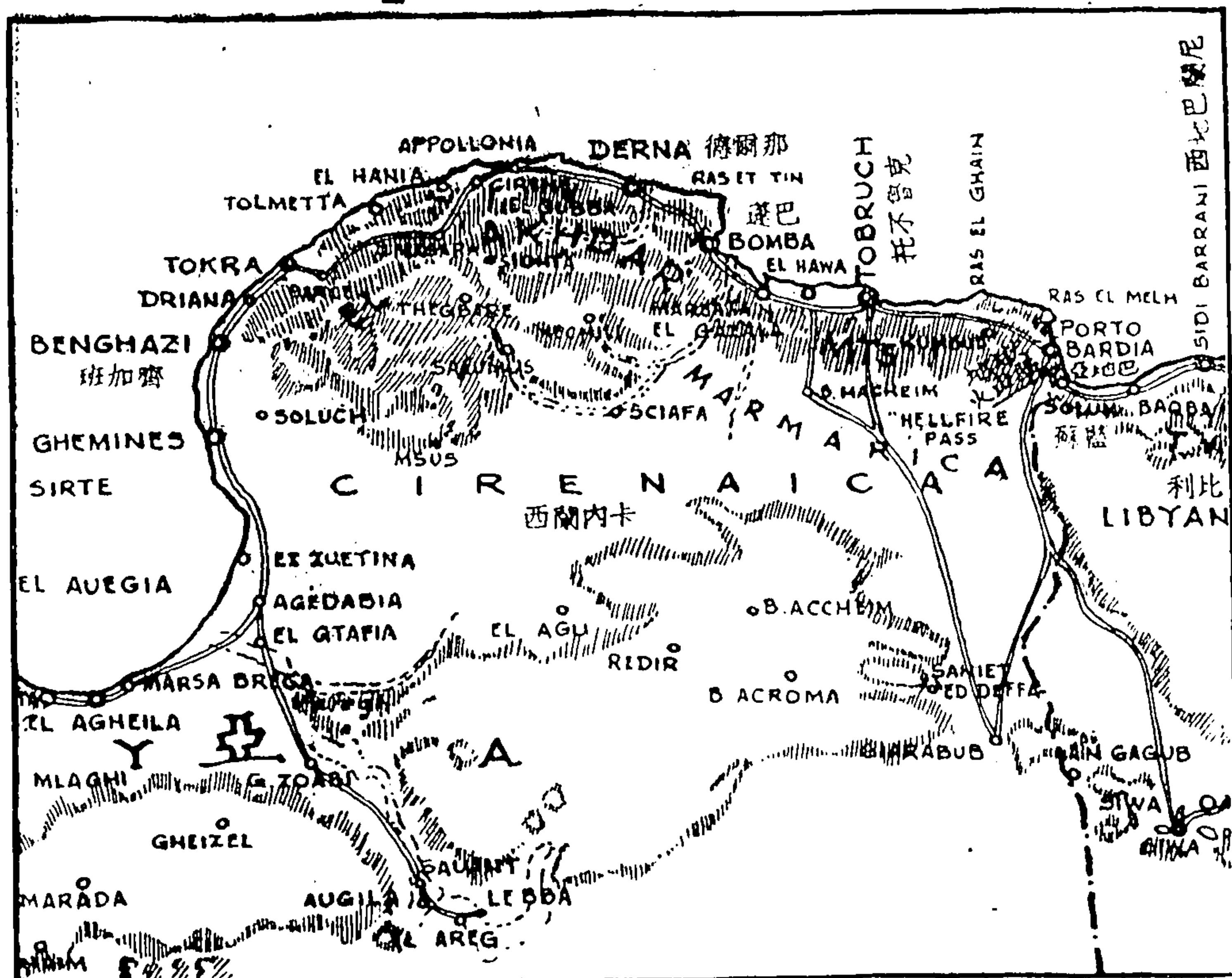
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Thrilling Stories Of Heroism By Ship Survivors

Remarkable Feats Of Navigation

THRILLING STORIES OF HEROISM AND ENDURANCE FOR DAYS IN OPEN BOATS BY OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE MERCHANT NAVY AFTER THEIR SHIPS HAD BEEN TORPEDOED, BOMBED BY ENEMY AIRCRAFT OR ATTACKED BY MERCANTILE RAIDERS, ARE TOLD IN A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE "LONDON GAZETTE" ISSUED LAST NIGHT.

One group of exhausted men spent 15 days afloat before being picked up, another 10 days, and another six. All ran short of food and remarkable feats of navigation were performed.



FIVE YEAR PLAN FOR BUILDING

"I don't believe air raid damage caused to buildings up to date would exceed or even reach one year's full building capacity of Britain."

This statement was made yesterday by the famous economist, Mr. J. M. Keynes, who added: "I should say that the buildings of this country are to-day worth more than they were in 1938."

"Damage of this kind is an opportunity. It is only when it gets beyond a certain point that it becomes a disaster. What has happened hitherto is opportunity and it can go much further before it becomes a real disaster."

MR. KEYNES ADVOCATED A FIVE OR TEN-YEAR PROGRAMME FOR EXCEEDING REPAIR OR DAMAGE.—REUTER.

ABYSSINIANS FIGHTING FOR AN IDEAL

The fervent faith of the Abyssinian irregulars who are playing an increasingly important part in regaining their country, is described in a Nairobi cable to-day.

The irregulars are fully equipped with uniform and operate under European officers. They include a nephew of Haile Selassie and others who had positions and wealth formerly but are now quite happy to accept a pay of 25/- to 40/- a month.

Their attitude is entirely unmercenary and they are willing to pay for extra equipment themselves.

They are constant readers of the Bible and are fighting for the ideal of freeing their country.

Their attitude may be summed up by a 61-year-old irregular who fought at Adowa, who said: "We will hoist our flag again with the help of God."—REUTER.

Throughout the official narratives run heart-breaking instances of signals of distress not seen by passing ships.

One able-seaman, Sydney Herbert Light, who is awarded the George Medal, saved not only a boatload of men from his own torpedoed ship but took in tow and rescued a boatload of survivors from another sunken vessel.

When Light reached the second boat in the high seas the occupants were about to give up the struggle. Light climbed aboard, massaged the exhausted men and bound those suffering from exposure with strips of blanket.

Ten Terrible Days

Ten terrible days of privation, exhaustion and danger passed before a British ship saw their flare, and thanks to Light's courage, leadership, self-sacrifice and stout heart, all were rescued.

In peacetime Light sails his own yacht and is a skier.

Meanwhile Captain Thomas Kippins, Light's skipper, took charge of another boat containing 26 men, whom he brought to safety after 15 days.

In heavy seas the boat was almost overturned. Men who fell overboard were rescued.

The mast, sails and several oars were lost and several passing ships missed their signals. Nevertheless, despite weakness, cold and hardship, the boat reached safety.

Captain Kippins receives the O.B.E.—REUTER.

BEVIN PLAN FOR INDIANS

THE FIRST BATCH OF INDIAN TECHNICIANS LEFT BOMBAY YESTERDAY FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM UNDER THE BEVIN SCHEME.

Mr. M. S. A. Hydari said the quick and adequate response was a further instance of a common feeling of comradeship.

He added the Government's scheme to train 15,000 Indian technicians by March, 1942, was well under way. Technical training institutions in the provinces were rapidly being inspected and developed.

Instructors were being secured in which the home Government was also helping, the Bevin Scheme being part of this help.

While the Indian scheme did not contemplate training skilled technicians in thousands, the Bevin Scheme aimed at more intensive training.

Arrangements for selecting a second batch of 50 were in hand. If the experiment succeeded others would follow.—REUTER.

BULGARIAN PRO-NAZI RESIGNS

M. Bagrianoff, Bulgarian Minister of Agriculture, known for his Nazi sympathies, resigned yesterday morning, according to a Sofia telegram to the official German news agency.

King Boris accepted the resignation and his post has been taken over by M. Filoff, the Prime Minister.—REUTER.

ANTONESCU ACCUSES HORIA SIMA

Horia Sima, the Iron Guard leader, is the first named in a list of those blamed for deaths and material damage resulting from the recent rebellion in a semi-official statement published in Bucharest yesterday.

Others mentioned are the former Minister of Interior, General Petrovicescu, the former chief of police, Alexander Ghika, "and other ambitious men of lesser importance."

The statement continues that documents "prove the rebellion was premeditated and long prepared and that the aim was to utilize arms and ammunition obtained from police stations and gendarmerie throughout the country on the pretext they were needed by the legionary police."

Of 44 persons tried by a military court on charges of having taken part in the rebellion 36 have been given prison sentences ranging from three months to five years, and fines ranging from 2,000 to 100,000 lei. Eight were acquitted.—REUTER.

LIGHTNING TRIP TO EIRE BY MR. WILLKIE

IMMEDIATELY AFTER returning from his lightning trip to Ireland, Mr. Wendell Willkie had tea with the King and Queen.

Mr. Willkie told Reuter that he had a three-hour conversation with Mr. Eamonn de Valera, during one of which he was alone with the Eire Premier.

He said that they had had a frank and free discussion and he "got the information he wanted." He also saw several members of the Eire Cabinet.

Referring to the general conclusions he reached in travelling about England, Mr. Willkie said: "I think the people of these islands are almost miraculously fortunate in their leadership."

"Anyone who believes the people are not united is labouring under a delusion. I doubt whether in history any man has been more ideally suited to his task than Mr. Churchill—with his qualities of inspirational leadership, great comprehension, dauntless courage and long experience."

Common Aim

"I talked to every member of a Government comprised of diverse political and economic beliefs and I have never seen a more co-ordinated or more cohesive group in pursuit of a common aim."

Mr. Willkie reiterated his opinion of Britain's miraculous leadership in one of the supreme and critical moments of history.

The other conclusions, he said, he was keeping for the United States. He declined to talk about the Irish bases and disclosed he had not been invited to Germany.

Very Fascinated

Referring to his tour of the industrial area in north-west England Mr. Willkie said he had collected a great deal of information about production methods, and he described himself as "very fascinated" by relations between Government, labour and industry.—REUTER.

5FT., BUT SHE BEATS BOMBS

Bombs were dropping and five fires burning around her home in the heart of a Midlands city when little Mrs. Ivy Gilbert—she is only about 5ft. tall—to her neighbour's house, climbed into a bedroom, and amid smoke and flames put out an incendiary bomb.

But this is only one example of the courage of Mrs. Gilbert.

She has carried to safety a crippled girl whose home was bombed, and helped to put out fires in houses and factories.

"I don't know what we should have done without our Ivy," said Mrs. J. Walton, a neighbour.

"We saw her scale the ladder alone and get into the burning bedroom. The tenants were in their air raid shelter and knew nothing about it until after the raid. If it hadn't been for Ivy the house would have been burned down."

Mrs. Gilbert, who is thirty, was an A.R.P. warden, but overwork compelled her to give up her post some months ago.

"I've seen her on the point of collapse through working for us in air-raids. While we've been out in the roads fighting fires among falling bombs."

TOLL OF GERMAN BOMBERS

Four Shot Down In Raids On East Coast

Isolated Nazi Attacks Yesterday

OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF THE DESTRUCTION OF A GERMAN BOMBER, AS WELL AS THE SHOOTING DOWN OF TWO FIGHTER-BOMBERS AND ONE FIGHTER, IS GIVEN IN AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE.

The communique states that yesterday morning a single enemy bomber dropped bombs in a town on the East Coast, damaging some houses and utility services and starting a fire which was soon put out. There was a small number of casualties.

R.A.F. fighters shot down a bomber off the Suffolk coast.

There was little other enemy air activity over Britain yesterday. A few bombs were dropped in Kent but little damage and no serious casualties were reported.

In the afternoon R.A.F. fighters, without loss to themselves, shot down two enemy fighter-bombers in the outer Thames Estuary, and an enemy fighter off the Kent coast.

Convoys, aerodromes and towns in south-east and east England were the main objectives of the German hit-and-run raids, which cost them four planes.

Burma Squadron

A Dornier 17 which bombed an East Anglian town in the morning, says the Air Ministry, was chased out to sea and shot down by two Hurricane pilots of a Burma squadron.

The pilots saw the bomber trying to sneak through the clouds at 3,000 feet and closed in on either side of him.

Both pilots, worrying the Dornier like terriers, registered hits which sent him crashing into the sea after jettisoning the rest of his bombs.

Blown To Pieces

In another encounter two Spitfire pilots were flying off the south-east coast at a height of 2,000 feet in the afternoon when two Messerschmidt 109's dived down in front.

One of the Spitfires, piloted by a sergeant who won the D.F.M. a month ago with a "bag" of eight, dived after the Messerschmidt.

He got in a seven-second burst at one of them and blew it to pieces, and he was able to damage the other before it escaped in cloud.

Two Messerschmidt 110's destroyed near the Thames Estuary were brought down by Hurricanes. — Reuter.

NIEMOELLER NOW ROMAN CATHOLIC

MARTIN NIEMOELLER, THE GERMAN PROTESTANT PASTOR WHO BECAME FAMOUS FOR UNCOMPROMISINGLY RESISTING THE NAZI CONCEPTION OF THE STATE IN RELATION TO RELIGION, AND WHO IS NOW IN CONCENTRATION CAMP, HAS BECOME A ROMAN CATHOLIC, ACCORDING TO THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE SWISS PAPER "BASLER NACHRICHTEN" YESTERDAY.

The paper adds that Niemoller has been contemplating such a step for some time.

A U-boat commander in the last war he was arrested by the Nazis in 1937. — Reuter.

30 GERMANS FOR ONE BRITISH

Yesterday's "bag" of four German aircraft brings the total number of enemy planes shot down in raids on Britain since the beginning of this year to 30. One British plane was lost.

Five German machines have been brought down this month without loss to the British. — Reuter.



A VISIT FROM THE DUKE OF KENT.—A picture when the Duke of Kent visited people evacuated from their bombed homes into large houses in another district of Southampton. Note the expression of the little toddler in the centre. (Copyright, Fox).

HIS PAL THE HORSE

Man summoned at Highgate for being at such a distance from his horse and cart as not to have proper control over them.

"It is the first time my pal has let me down. I have had him for five years and he has never walked on without me before."

UNCEASING RAIDS ON ITALIAN COMMUNICATIONS

R.A.F. BOMBER AND FIGHTER aircraft continued to attack enemy lines of communication on all fronts, stated a communique from R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East in Cairo yesterday.

The communique states that in Libya R.A.F. bombers raided Berka aerodrome at Benghazi on Monday night and dropped bombs on aircraft dispersed on the ground. The bombs started large fires in several buildings.

The railway station at Barce was heavily attacked and motor transport destroyed on the roads.

British fighter aircraft throughout the day harassed the enemy by machine-gun attacks.

At Slonta and Tams (ten miles east of Barce) six separate attacks were made on troops withdrawing along the road. There were severe casualties and between 20 and 30 vehicles were also destroyed.

Eritrea Support

In support of the army's successful advance in Eritrea, R.A.F. aircraft continued to attack the enemy. One Caproni 183 was destroyed during the operations.

The aerodrome at Gura suffered heavily as the result of a raid in which a number of direct hits

were registered on buildings and nearby roads.

From all these operations one British aircraft failed to return. — Reuter.

NEW TAXATION UNCERTAINTIES

Gilt-edged advanced on the London Stock Exchange yesterday on institutional buying. Other sections, especially home rails, generally improved on investment demand but industrial shares were largely heavy under the influence of taxation uncertainties. Kaffra and oils were firm. Among foreign issues Japanese continued to recover. Wall Street was inclined to harden. — Reuter.

BATISTA OUTWITS PLOTTERS

President Batista, "Cuba's strong man," by swift and dramatic action countered Monday night's attempt to overthrow him.

In sports clothes and accompanied by only two colonels he drove to the Columbia Camp and took command of the forces.

He ordered the general assembly sounded and when all the troops had responded to the call they pledged loyalty to him. He then explained his actions.

Colonel Lopez Migoya has been appointed Chief of the Army, Colonel Galindez Chief of the Army Staff, Colonel Gomez Casas Chief of the Navy, Colonel Arguelles Chief of the Navy Staff, and Colonel Benitez Chief of Police—appointments popular with the armed forces.

Dictatorship Denied

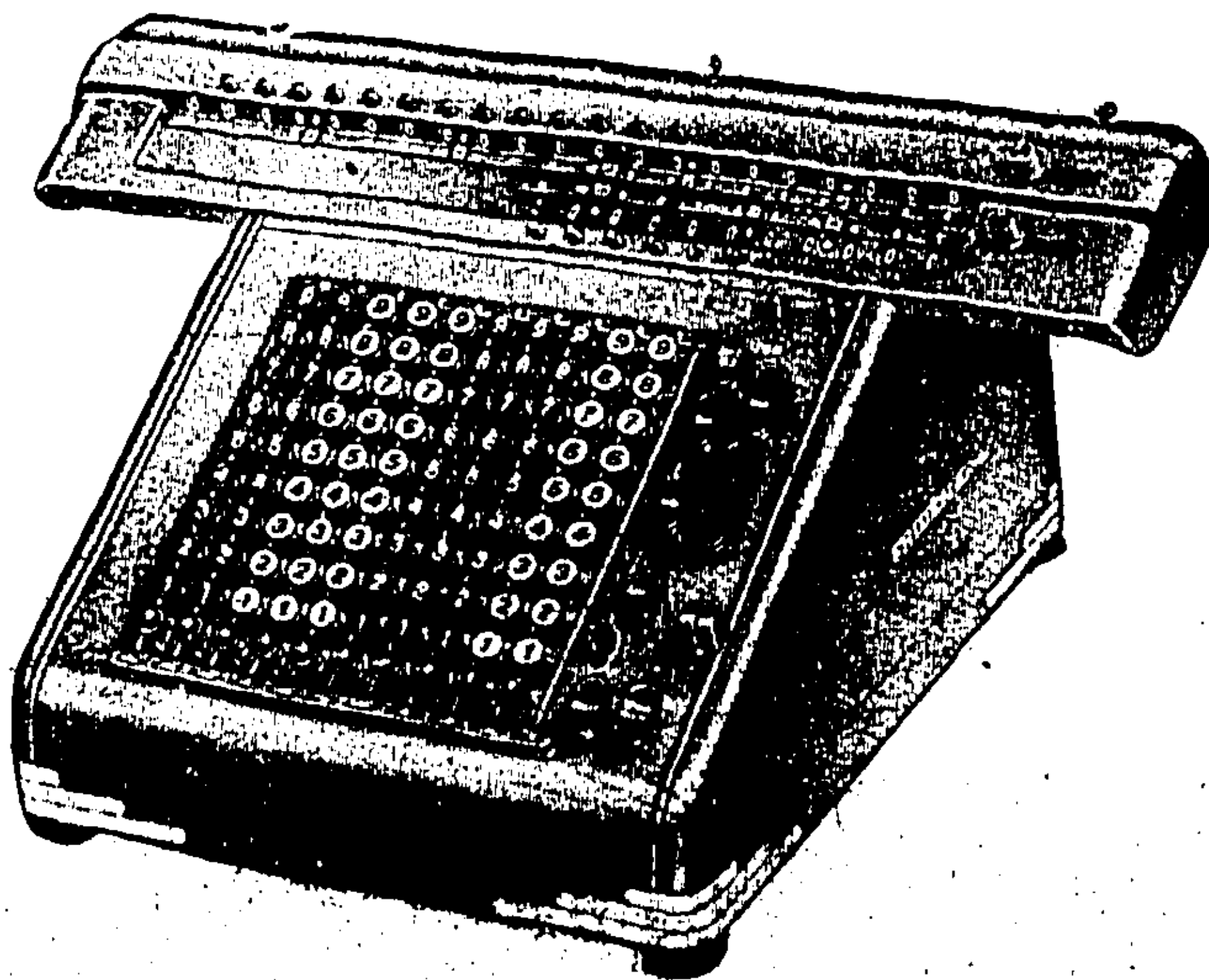
Meanwhile President Batista vigorously denied that he is setting up a dictatorship in Cuba.

In a broadcast he declared he had taken steps in the interests of democratic government.

He said absolutely normal conditions now reign throughout the country and therefore as soon as the crisis was past the suspension of constitutional guarantees will be revoked and civil liberties restored. — Reuter.

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CONVOY'S TREK THROUGH ABYSSINIAN WILDERNESS

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent
Somewhere in the Abyssinian Bush)

This is the sixth day of our trek into an unexplored wilderness and although fatigued and with rations low and trucks battered, we have sighted our objective on the far-off horizon.

We can now look back on many score miles of track blazed through bush and forest, sometimes through raging bush fires, and know that the success of our safari is assured and soon our tracks will be transformed into the first British-made road in Abyssinia.

This expedition, which in peacetime would have taken weeks of careful preparation, was undertaken at 12 hours' notice, with no different development than one would use in a trip from London to the coast.

Bush Fire

We started with a convoy of British and foreign vehicles, but two days later abandoned the foreign vehicles, which could not survive the severe conditions.

Yesterday my truck struck a half-buried boulder, puncturing the oil sump and twisting the clutch rod. The oil sump we pegged with wood.

The clutch rod we heated over log fires and hammered straight with an axe, but while we were fixing it under the lorry a swarm of bees sought to quench their thirst from the perspiration of our bodies, inflicting stings.

When the repairs were completed a bush fire with lightning speed swept across the elephant grass, enveloping the disabled lorry with flames, but though the woodwork went on fire and the tyres began to melt the vehicle was saved and we continued the journey.

Later in the day we were entirely surrounded by another bush fire, the flames making a circle that closed to within five yards of the convoy, while we stood helpless and half-scorching.

These were merely interludes in a gruelling ceaseless task from dawn to dusk, hacking down trees and cutting away rock with small picks.

Our average daily run, not stopping for food, was eight miles.

Respite From Bites

Ants were seen everywhere but to-night for the first time we had a respite from bites when we encamped in the middle of a patch of elephant grass eight feet high.

Yesterday, the water situation caused anxiety but while we were reconnoitring on foot for a crossing of a dried-up river bed, two leopards bounded from the grass nearby, indicating water must be in the vicinity.—Reuter.

NO 'DANGER PASSED' WHISTLE

Wardens in the Metropolitan area, who will blow their whistles to warn people of immediate local danger, are not to blow a second whistle to indicate that danger has passed.

This was made clear by a Ministry of Home Security official who said:

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PARIS POLICE PREFECT DETAINED

Roger Langeron, Paris police prefect, has been dismissed from his post and is held under detention, according to a report described as coming "from reliable quarters" to the German official news agency yesterday.

Langeron was appointed in 1934.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN

MR. GEOFFREY MANDER (LIBERAL) ASKED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY IF GOVERNMENT WOULD GIVE AN ASSURANCE THAT THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MINISTER'S BROADCAST ON JAN. 12 AT SINGAPORE, STATING THAT AUSTRALIA HAD NO QUARREL WITH JAPAN, IMPLIED NO CHANGE IN IMPERIAL POLICY INTO RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT FOR CHINA IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST JAPANESE IMPERIALISM, THE UNDER-SECRETARY FOR THE DOMINIONS, MR. SHAKESPEARE, REPLIED "YES, SIR."

Mr. Robert Morgan (Cons) asked whether the Government in Australia were kept fully informed of the dissatisfaction felt in Britain with Japanese policy in relation to the A.S., with the object of avoiding public official statements which may conflict with such a viewpoint.

Mr. Shakespeare recalled it was the practice of His Majesty's Gov-

THREAT OF INVASION

The "Commercio de Porto" of Lisbon yesterday declared that the threat of an invasion is not greater to-day than six months ago.

While in the Mediterranean Egypt is a more vulnerable point in her Empire, England has attained a position of clear superiority.

Her navy, as of old, has victoriously held the enemy in check, and Mr. Churchill has shown himself the worthy chief of the greatest material force that exists in the world.—Reuter.

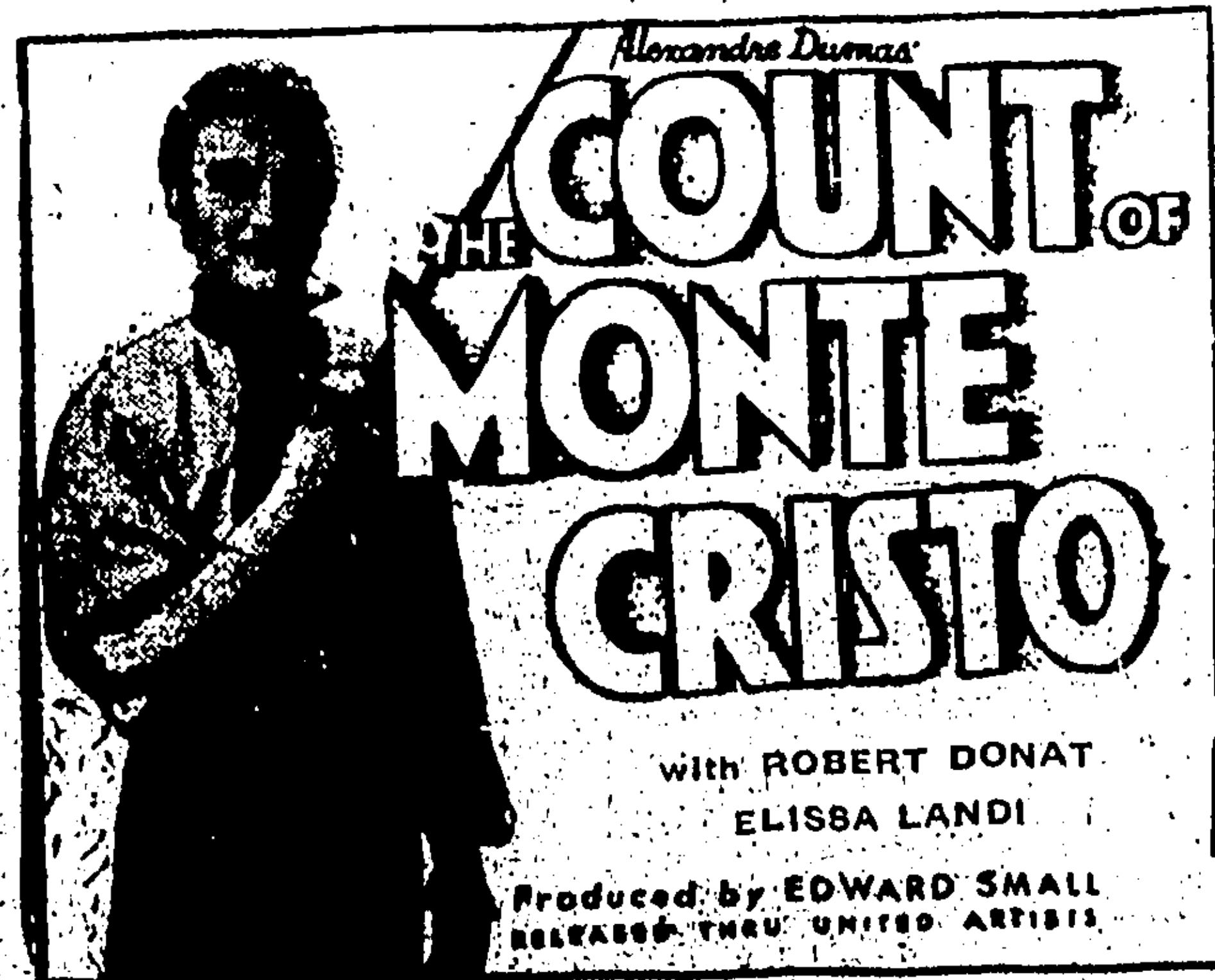
Government in the United Kingdom to communicate concern and added there was no divergence between the two governments as regards this matter.—Reuter.

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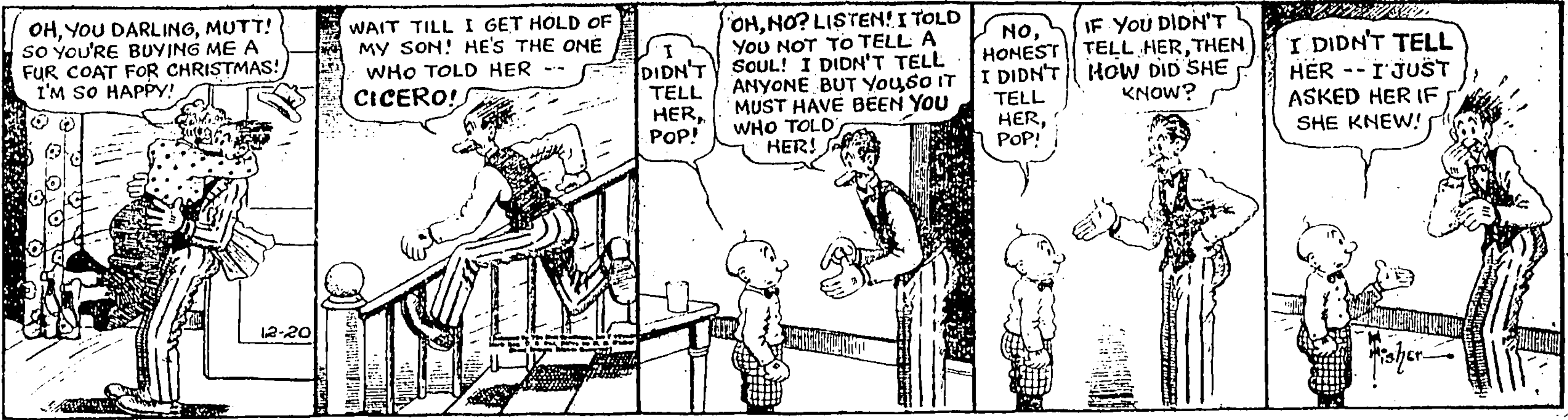
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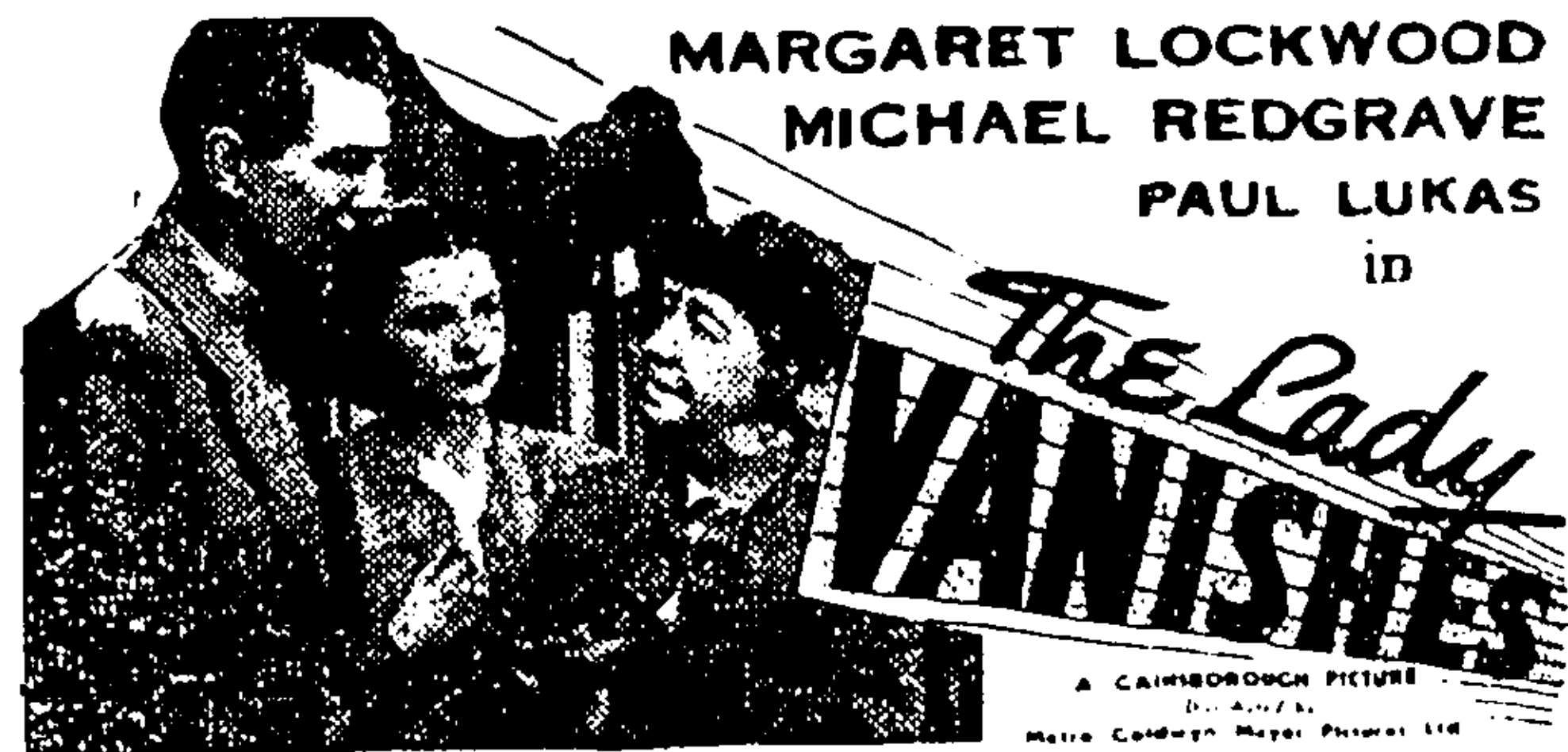


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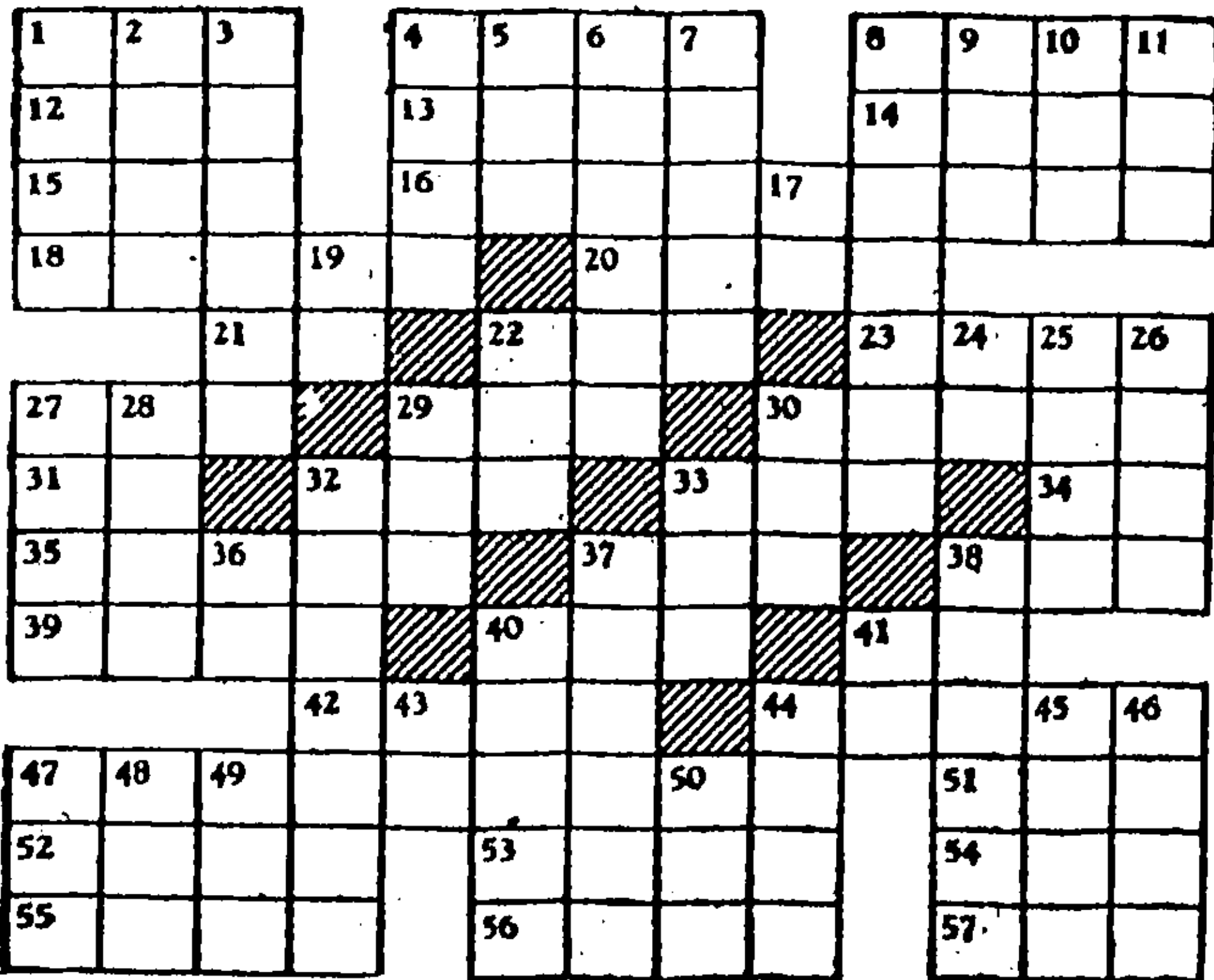
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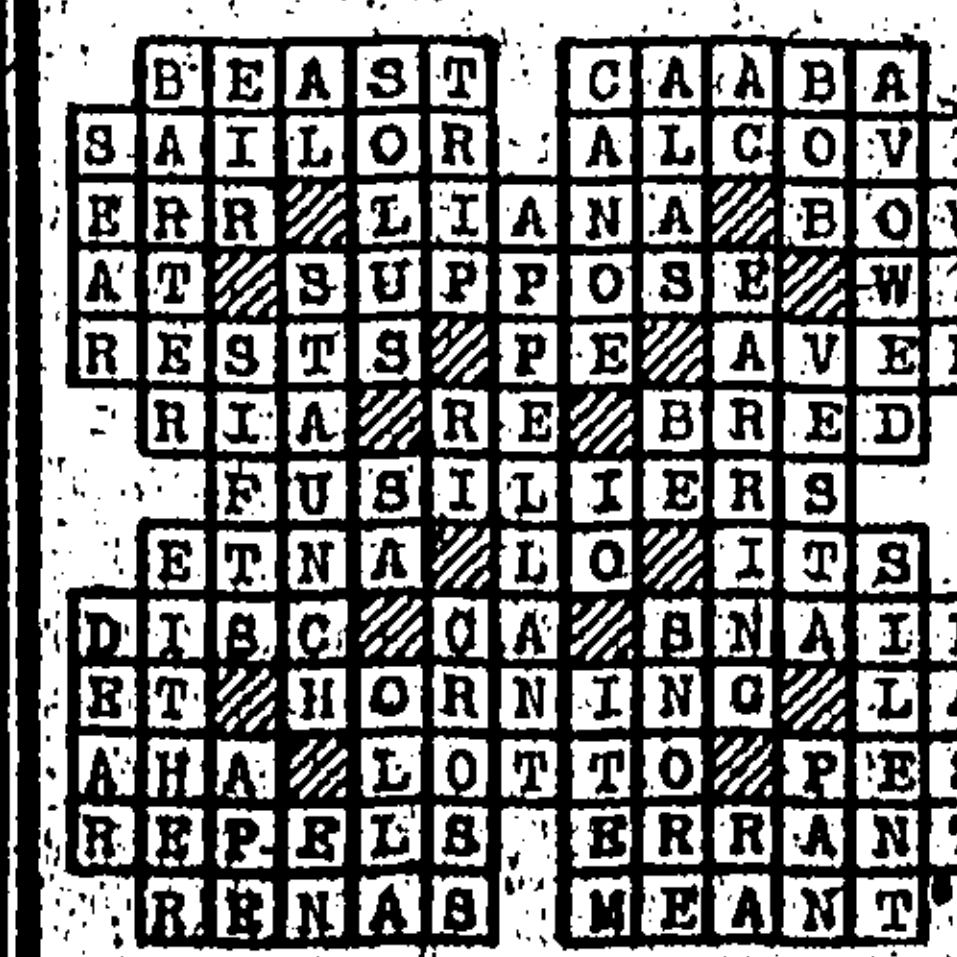
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- 1 Anglo-Saxon money
- 4 River in Arizona
- 8 Festival
- 12 Music: three
- 13 Cross
- 14 Least whole number
- 15 Man's name
- 16 Under, an assumed name
- 18 To bend into shape
- 20 To assist
- 21 101
- 22 Malt beverage
- 23 To search
- 27 Peruvian tuber
- 29 To be obliged to
- 30 East-Indian soldier
- 31 Hawk-headed deity
- 32 Play on words
- 33 Rocky crag
- 34 Conjunction
- 35 Separated
- 37 To propel
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



BEAUTY
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GIRLS

(By A Special Correspondent)

Factory girls in Birmingham are to be given lessons by a beauty specialist in the art of make-up.

One of the sponsors of the scheme, Miss K. C. Dewar, girls' secretary of the Birmingham Boys' and Girls' Union, told me.

"Many of our girl members are between fourteen and twenty. They work long hours making munitions, and are so fagged out that they use cosmetics unwisely in covering up traces. War strain, too, is making them smoke more than usual."

The beauty culturist, Miss D. M. Norton, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, is to give the girls lessons at their club.

"The girls try so hard to make themselves attractive," added Miss Dewar. "They are broadminded about the lessons and have welcomed the idea."

"In all my thirty years of social work, I have never seen such beautiful girls as in Birmingham. But many of them do not know the art of make-up."

Miss Norton said: "I shall give the girls talks and practical lessons."

"We are anxious to help them in keeping their skins clean, and to advise just how much powder and lipstick it is best to use."

"I shall also tell them about the care of their bodies, hair and feet. There is no need to teach Birmingham shop girls much about beauty culture. They seem to be masters in the art of make-up."

SMOKE WITHOUT
FIRE

"Where there's smoke, there's fire," states the proverb. But a Hurricane pilot—A British Flight Lieutenant, who leads Polish fighters' into battle—is not so sure whether this is always true. Here is his story—

Attacking a formation of enemy bombers, he shot down a Heinkel 111. He broke away and, glancing in his mirror, saw a trail of white smoke apparently coming from his machine.

"Thinking I might be on fire, I prepared to bail out," he said. "But as no flames appeared, I did a tight turn and found that the smoke had ceased."

"I found afterwards that an explosive bullet had opened up my port wing about a foot from the tip, leaving a jagged piece of metal sticking up. I assume that the white smoke was due to condensation caused by the jagged metal in the dive."

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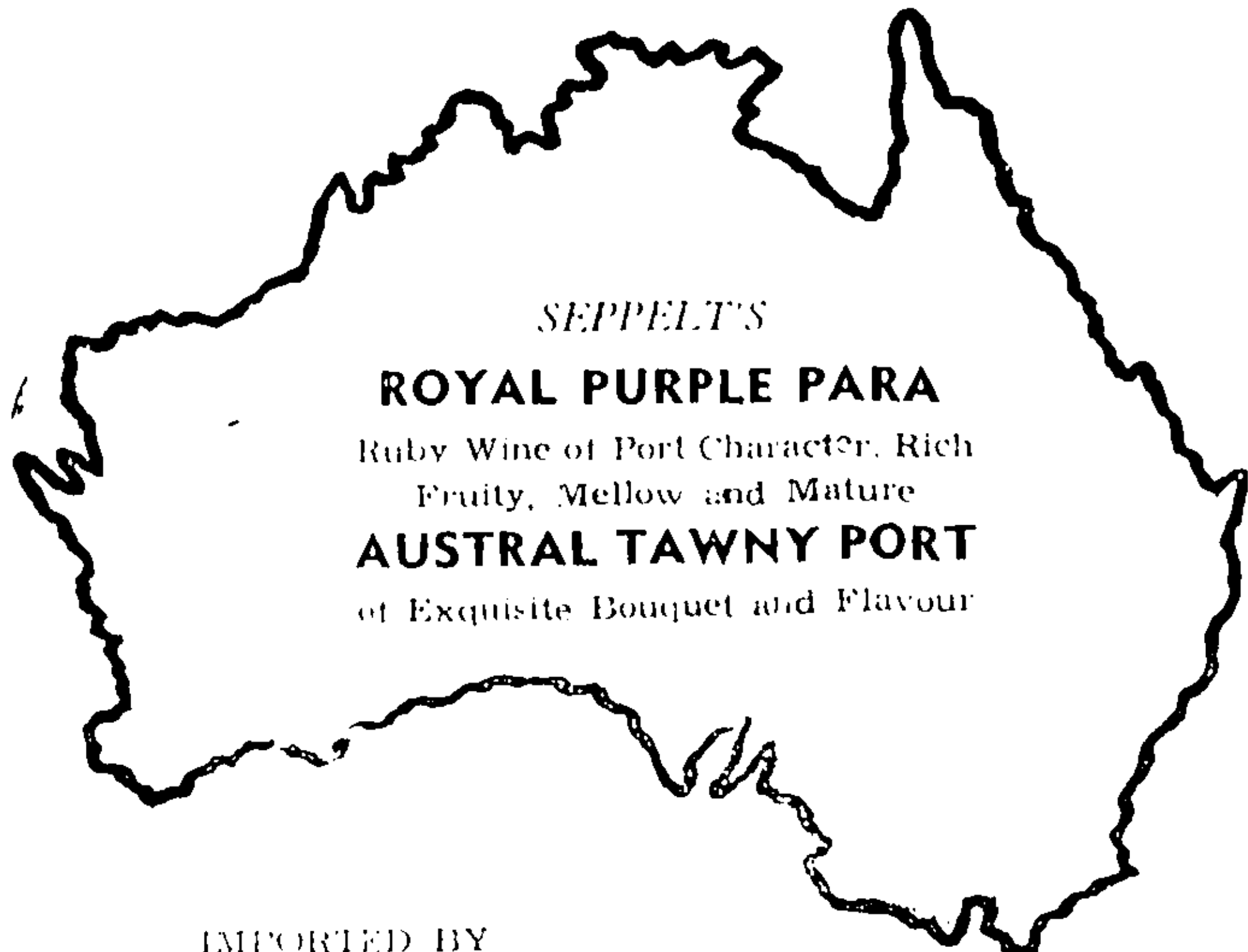
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Japanese Land At Bias Bay And Cut Sha Yu Chung Road

FOLLOWING the landing of armed forces in Bias Bay yesterday morning, the Japanese are reported to be driving towards Tamshui from three directions — Au Tau, Hachung and Shumchun.

Prior to the landing, a large Japanese aircraft carrier steamed into Bias Bay and aircraft took to the air to support the landing.

NAZIS' BOMB TRICK

The Nazis have begun to manufacture "British" incendiary bombs in the hope of being able to convince the Dutch that the bombs which fall on the civil population are of British and not German origin.

They hope that in view of the "evidence" of bomb fragments, the Dutch will think the bombs have been dropped by the R.A.F., but the trick has failed — dismally.

Information to this effect has been received by Dutch official circles in London.

The bombings are usually undertaken immediately after the R.A.F. has bombed military objectives in the Netherlands. The object is to incite Dutch feeling against the British, who are accused in the German-controlled newspapers and over the wireless of being guilty of bombing civilians.

But Everyone Knows

This attempt to mislead the Dutch as to the identity of their attackers has been unsuccessful.

Everyone in the Netherlands seems to know well that it is the Germans themselves, and not the R.A.F., who are responsible for the casualties inflicted on the civilians of many Dutch cities.

The trick is only one more of their attempts to hoodwink the victims of their own cruelty.

VISAE FOR N.E.I.

NEW REGULATIONS. CONCERNING THE ISSUE OF PASSPORT VISAE TO TRAVELLERS TO THE NETHERLANDS INDIES CAME INTO FORCE ON FEBRUARY 1, 1941.

Henceforth, nationals of all countries require passport visae for entry or transit.

All applications must be submitted to the Department of Immigration by the Netherlands Consul concerned, and no visae will be given until authorisation of the department has been obtained.

Holders of labour-permits and transit-passengers, however, can obtain visae at once, valid for seven days, full-visae for one journey.

Possession of a passport visa does not guarantee admission to the Netherlands East Indies. It is merely one of the conditions for entry, which remains subject to the decision of the Immigration Authorities.

The Chancery fees to be levied are: for a full visa 6 guilders (at the present official rate of exchange, HK\$15.-), for a transit visa 60 guilder cents, HK\$1.60).

In Bias Bay, there are one cruiser and three destroyers besides the aircraft carrier.

Anticipating Japanese plans in the Bias Bay area, the small Chinese forces had withdrawn some time ago into the interior and yesterday when the invaders landed, under the protection of aircraft and big guns, there was little or no fighting at all, the only resistance encountered being from some troops left to harass the Japanese.

The number of troops landed is not known but is believed to total about 3,000.

These landed at Hachung and Au Tau, the two village ports where the Japanese first landed, in October, 1938, to capture Canton.

A force of about 1,500 troops struck out from the Shumchun area yesterday morning advancing towards Tamshui. These also were supported with aircraft flown from Canton to the recently completed landing field between Shumchun and Namtau.

The Japanese were expected to reach Tamshui last night.

Tamshui Occupied

Occupying Tamshui last night, Japanese forces which landed at Bias Bay yesterday morning turned southwards and drove to Sha-yu-chung, Mins Bay terminus of the Kowloon-Waichow Ferry Service, and entered the village port early this morning.

All ferries, scheduled to leave Hong Kong and the New Territories for Sha-yu-chung this morning, suspended departure.

FLUCTUATION IN HITLER'S SCHEMES

THE MILITARY correspondent of the Stockholm paper "Dagens Nyheter" declared yesterday there is no doubt fluctuations have occurred in the German schemes.

It is not improbable that an invasion attempt was planned to be made some time ago but was abandoned. It is also a fact that attempts to defeat the British Isles by air have failed.

Furthermore, it is clear that the German object to expand over the Balkan countries has failed and there cannot be any doubt that it is the Soviet who could not be persuaded to accept the plan, as the result of which Bulgaria, Turkey and Yugoslavia have adopted a stiffer attitude.

Turkey's military defences have been important. Now the German Suez plan has had to be abandoned and so there is an increased probability of an invasion attempt.

Tremendous Difficulties

The Germans might succeed in stopping General Wavell's advance. They might even persuade Spain to enter the war, but if these unlikely things happen they could not decide the war.

Thus the Germans must attempt an invasion but there are great delays connected with the tremendous difficulties of such operations.—Reuter.

SUBMARINE CREW DECORATED

Awards to officers and men of the submarine Thunderbolt (formerly Thetis) for courage, skill and seamanship were announced in the London "Gazette" last night and recall the recent destruction of an Italian submarine.

Lt. C. Crouch is given the D.S.O. and Lt. Stevens gets the D.S.C., while a number of the crew receive the D.S.M. or are mentioned in despatches.—Reuter.

OUR NEW WEAPON?

BRITAIN IS ORDERING IN U.S.A. A NOVEL WEAPON CALLED THE AERO-TANK IN EXPECTATION OF A CONTINENTAL OFFENSIVE NEXT YEAR, SAYS THE NEW YORK "DAILY MIRROR."

"Planes with a tank in their 'claws' will have a cruising range of a thousand miles, the newspaper declares.

When released from the planes, the tanks will be able to travel for 700 miles without refuelling. A speed of eighty miles an hour is claimed for the tanks.

"ORDER OF THE BLUDGEON"

Whenever we hear of the New Order of Hitler, we realise it is not a new but the oldest order; that of the bludgeon, the strong arm and force, as against freedom.

Mr. R. B. Bennett, former Prime Minister of Canada, said that when he opened a War Weapons Week for Goldstone rural district of Surrey.

"We are not in this struggle for material things," he added. "We want no territory. We seek no loot. We wage war for the intangibles of life, the things that have the real and abiding value: freedom to think and act."

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

NAZI SCHEME IN MEDITERRANEAN

Behind Nazi pressure on Vichy lies the inference that events in the Mediterranean are compelling Hitler to seek ways and means of rescuing his Axis partner and accepting the danger, most disturbing to his mentality, of a war on two fronts.

There is a bare possibility that the German Chancellor hopes to use the French Fleet in co-operation with invasion schemes, but he cannot possibly envisage seriously the escape of hostile surface units out of the Mediterranean for this purpose, and the first theory of the German objective is much more likely to be the correct one.

Plainly, under existing circumstances, the only way Germany can effectively help the Italian Army in Libya is to send reinforcements across the Mediterranean.

To do this she has the choice of three routes — (1) Across Spain, then across the Straits of Gibraltar to North Africa (2) Direct to the North African coast from Marseilles; (3) Across the narrowest part of the Mediterranean via Italy.

Considering the great distance via Spain, the uncertain conditions in that country, its bad economic state, food shortage, the approach of hard winter weather there and the fact that Gibraltar is strongly held by the British, the Spanish route seems exceedingly dangerous and impossibly slow.

The passage via Italy is probably unwelcome to Mussolini who knows that popular dislike of German domination is one of the chief dangers to his regime and who fears that the virtual invasion of his country by a German army might provoke an upheaval.

The direct sea passage from France therefore offers the least political obstacles, but it means that Hitler must once more face the problem of crossing the sea despite British naval supremacy.

This problem could however be solved locally if the naval balance of power in the Mediterranean could be upset by the use of the French Navy. It is not surprising therefore, that German pressure on France to hand over the navy and to allow the Germans to use the Mediterranean port has been redoubled

Some news is trickling out of the continent of Europe about the little people — the common folk now living in varying degrees of captivity but in many cases practicing passive resistance and preparing for future struggles for freedom. Here is an interim survey of a large part of the field:

FRANCE—Fully 90 per cent of the people sympathetic with Britain, this figure based on careful surveys taken on behalf of Marshal Petain in selected provinces. Small quantities of military equipment stored in secret in preparation for possible uprising. Tremendous disorganisation. Much practical espionage on behalf of the British, perhaps even parachute landing of pro-British saboteurs. Great sympathy with de Gaulle even in Vichy circles. Steady and sensational comings and goings among the common people of persons actively working against the Nazis.

BELGIUM—Little information available, but much the same picture as in France. Greater degree of German control since entire area occupied. Little chance of Germans organising effective production. Extremely grave food shortages. Capable espionage furnishing British with information concerning invasion plans.

NETHERLANDS—Widespread support of Wilhelmina's London government. Dutch Nazi movement made little progress since initial effectiveness in treachery. Population holding itself in taciturn check, determined to regain freedom when opportunity comes but careful not to make attempt prematurely. Lean days ahead. Production extremely hampered by lack of imported raw materials, hence not very valuable to Nazis. Espionage facilitated through Dutchmen who escaped to Britain and keep in touch with home country. Control of such spying virtually impossible.

DENMARK—Utilising technique of Slesvig Danes whose province was recently occupied by Germany for fifty-six years. Vast patriotic outpourings proving impossible for Nazis to control. Such few pro-Nazi Danes as existed before invasion now are overwhelmed by new patriotism which supports Britain. Lectures, books, adult schools, song-fests (all-sing) are used to arouse patriotism as after defeat of 1864. Again, Nordic phlegm is Germany's most baffling obstacle, and cloaks good information service for Britain.

NORWAY—Utter disillusionment of this peace-loving people has now led to grim determination to regain freedom. In sparsely populated, mountainous country control by Nazis is only skeletonised. Government in exile functioning efficiently and as time goes on is likely to perfect methods of passive resistance and preparation for regaining freedom. When break-up comes, Norway likely to turn on its captors with fierceness unsurpassed by other imprisoned peoples. Many brave and resourceful Norwegians are available for getting out information about Nazi preparations and weaknesses.

AUSTRIA—Basis for uprising even here said to have been laid. While Austria has many loyal Nazis, information reaches America of a surprising range of disaffection capable of giving regime real trouble later on and assisting in active or passive sabotage now.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA—Most skillfully prepared of any area, with concealed arms, centuries-old technique of resistance, and remains of World-War espionage system which now is probably extended to or beyond its former efficacy. As in many other captive states, its London headquarters is real capital of country and in close touch with homeland. People doggedly determined to live through storm and restore their brief-won independence.

POLAND—Like the Czechs, the Poles are skilled in passive resistance of conquerors. But have been most severely battered by war and punished by political police. Only information available suggests they exist in numbered misery which would give way to bloody revolt whenever opportunity came.

ITALY—Nearly twenty years of Fascist rule and absence of feasible alternative government are great handicaps to overturn. Yet unpopularity of war hampers the nation's productive effort, and

since German support for Italy in Africa became an urgent necessity.

serious shortages plus military defeats have reduced morale further. If Fascism were younger, if recognised rivals to Mussolini existed, then some overturn would be likelier. German occupation

By
Erwin D. Canham

seems not impossible. If military situation got greatly worse and domestic rumblings started. Then



"WHICH OF YOU IS TO BLAME?"

Totalitarian Ruin

Twenty-nine years after Hiram Bingham discovered Machu Picchu, I also discovered it as one of the supreme travel finds of a decade and more of personal wanderings. If my discovery did not shake the archaeological world I think it thrilled me almost as much as Mr. Bingham's find could have thrilled him. And perhaps I was even more surprised.

Mr. Bingham, delving into the mysteries of Inca civilisation in Peru, was tipped off by a Quechua Indian in 1911 that there were some extensive ruins high on an Andean saddle above a horse-shoe gorge of the River Vilcanota, a location very similar, but on a far grander scale, to that of Godfrey's castle above the Belgian village of Bouillon. The ruins were so hard to reach and so strangled by vegetation (for the tropical region of eastern Peru begins hereabouts) that even the greedy Spanish colonials, loving ruins for the treasure they presumably hid, had never found them. Modern Peru likewise completely overlooked them. Not even rumours of Machu Picchu had reached Cuzco, though this Inca capital, turned Peruvian, lies only eighty miles away from the hidden city. It was left for a gringo to climb to that lofty saddle and see the jungle-throttled outline of what was to prove one of the most sensational finds ever made anywhere.

Coming again the next year at the head of the National Geographic Society-Yale University Expedition Mr. Bingham, aided by the Peruvian government, drove away the jungle and bared this mystery city, which is so mysterious, in fact, that historical science still can only guess at its purpose in such a weird location.

This present gringo visited Machu Picchu at the end of 1940 and was surprised, amazed, thunderstruck that the tourist world,

the almost-beaten track, can harbour such an eighth wonder in a location that is itself as wonderful as anything—and I really mean anything—in Switzerland or Norway, a marvel that can be reached without hardship.

A group of us, Norteamericanos and Peruvians, hired an autocarril, which is a gasoline buggy that rides on steel rails, and set

By Sydney A. Clark

out from Cuzco at crack of dawn by the Santa Ana Railway, Latin counterpart of the Toonerville System. By switchbacks it climbed high above Cuzco, then crossed a great table land to enter the canyon of the Vilcanota, which is a remote tributary of the Amazon.

Our guide entertained us with genial patter about the Incas and the "Spaniels" (sic) and Meister Been-gum until three and a half hours had slid through the glass and we were at Machu Picchu station. A carro of strange design carried us two miles along a riverside road to a bridge across the river and here began a long step mule-back climb. It was hard on the animals, easy on their riders, and after ninety minutes we found ourselves at the entrance of the city that Hiram Bingham stole from the jungle.

If you picture some sort of magnificent archway you will be as wrong as possible for we had to clamber Indian file, up the side of an Inca wall from which stones protruded at regular intervals for steps. Continuing through a narrow passage we came upon a little platform of grass below which lay the entire city of stone. It is steeply terraced on both sides up to the saddle. Temples and sanctuaries are numerous, each built with that amazing masonry in which the Incas excelled, huge stone blocks

Political Crisis Likely In Italy

The "News Chronicle" Lisbon correspondent writes:—

The Greek and British triumphs are forcing a major political crisis in Italy which may develop dramatically any day. That is the impression given by the Italians here. Reliable informants say that all Northern Italy, which should always be distinguished from Rome and the South in estimating political tendencies, is sick of the war and is convinced that Mussolini has made a fatal blunder for which Italy will pay dearly unless there is a sweeping change of policy.

Tension between the army and the Fascist Party has now almost reached breaking point with Badoglio, a "King's man" and a popular figure in disgrace through no fault of his own.

An article by Farinacci blaming the army leaders and staff for the reverses in Albania shows how far things have gone. Farinacci is a wild man but his irritation is understandable since the army staff in Albania failed to make any serious preparations for a real campaign.

This, however, was the fault not of Badoglio but of Ciano who regarded the Greek campaign as his particular hobby and would not give the General staff time for adequate preparations and rushed the whole thing through to get a jump ahead of Hitler's "New Order" campaign.

Until the British attacked in Libya, Mussolini, though suffering a grave loss of prestige, could still hope for salvation from German diplomatic intervention to obtain a truce with Greece. The disaster in Libya, however, faces Il Duce with a new military problem which may prove insoluble without direct Nazi help.

An open revolt in Italy may be used as the German pretext to cross the frontier and take charge.

If the recent unrest in Northern Italy (which is undoubtedly serious despite Fascist denials) comes to a head, Italy may be split into two camps, the army dominating in the North and the Fascists elsewhere.

The question will then be whether the Northern Italians, who will want to defend their national independence, can hold Brenner long enough to receive outside support.

I heard some time ago from a good source that Brenner is fortified defensively on the Italian side.

being fashioned and fitted together without mortar so perfectly that nowhere can a knife blade be inserted between the stones.

The mystery of Machu Picchu grows with each successive authority who writes of it.

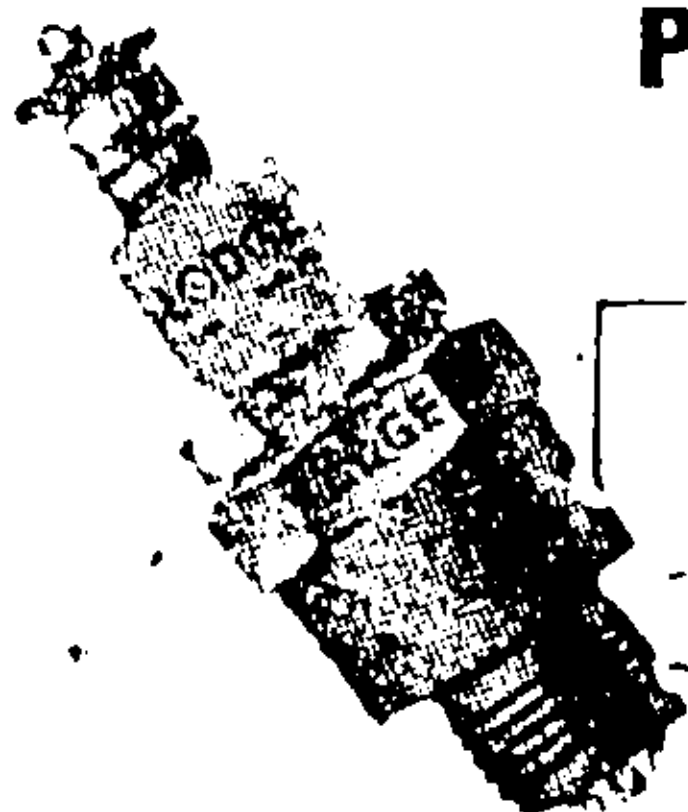
One thing, however, is certain. Machu Picchu is a totalitarian ruin. The Inca State was a totalitarian State so absolute that modern creations of similar order are nursery play by comparison. The Inca himself was a dictator so "total" that Hitler and Mussolini, seen in proper perspective, are but petty martinetts. He was judge, emperor, god. He owned every subject and every article produced in his vast empire. He prescribed, through deputies, every detail of life and action for every individual. Freedom was not merely crushed. It was an idea utterly unknown.

But Machu Picchu is a ruin, barely to be held, by constant effort, from the fangs of the jungle. I find present-day comfort in this thought. Much as I admire the Incas in many ways, their system obviously was false to the eternal human values.

Let other dictators, in the still watches of the night, ponder on the story of Machu Picchu!

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IMPERIAL FORCES WITHIN 130 MILES OF BENGHAZI

THE OCCUPATION OF CYRENE, FIFTY MILES WEST OF DERNA, BY FORWARD ELEMENTS OF THE BRITISH FORCES ON MONDAY WAS ANNOUNCED IN LAST NIGHT'S COMMUNIQUE IN CAIRO DEALING WITH THE LIBYA FRONT.

Of Eritrean activities the communique says the Italian retirement from Agordat continues and our troops are nearing Keren.

"From Barentu our troops are pursuing the enemy in a southerly direction. An accurate count of prisoners has not yet been taken but the number is considerable."

Referring to Abyssinia the communique continues: "East of Gallabat our advance continues on the Metemma-Gondar road.

"The capture of two frontier posts on the Dukana front, referred to in the previous day's communique, resulted in the infliction of nearly 100 casualties in killed and captured at slight cost to ourselves.

"One additional post in the neighbourhood has been captured.

Extensive patrol activity continues in Italian Somaliland, the communique concludes.—Reuter.

Expert Opinion

In the course of a sketch of East African operations, which have culminated in a general falling back of the Italian forces, a military expert yesterday stated that the little town of Gallabat, just inside the Abyssinian frontier, which has 200 inhabitants and is mainly composed of mud with a fort also of mud, has been the scene through many weeks of a kind of military shuttlecock between the Italian and British forces, changing hands no fewer than six times.

He described the tactics by which the Italians had been forced to retire by an entirely successful process of "nibbling," although superior in numbers, gradually bringing about his demoralisation and forcing him to abandon his two main objectives, firstly an invasion of the Sudan, and secondly the closing of the Italian frontier against British troops to prevent communication with Abyssinia's patriots.

The situation has changed altogether during the past month.

"We are everywhere shepherding back the demoralised army," said the commentator, "and though we cannot reasonably expect an immediate Italian collapse we can look forward with confidence to the successful outcome of the campaign."—British Wireless.

BROKE BACON LAW: £100 FINE

James Henry Hurron, butcher, of High Street, Fulham, was fined £30 with £10 10s. costs by Mr. Kenneth Marshall, the Westminster magistrate, for obtaining bacon from a wholesaler in excess of the quantity permitted.

On a further summons for making a false declaration a fine of £60 was imposed. The alternative was a month's imprisonment. Mr. Vernon Gattle, prosecuting for the Ministry of Food, said that on a date in June Hurron got nearly twice as much bacon as he should have done. Proceedings were being taken against the wholesaler in another court.

C.B. FOR MARINE OFFICER

On the recommendation of General Wavell, Acting Brigadier A. R. Chater, Royal Marines, has been appointed a Companion of the Order of the Bath in recognition of his distinguished services in defending British Somaliland.—Reuter.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S EMISSARY

A cable received by the American Consul-General in Hong Kong, Mr. A. E. Southard, from Mr. L. L. Currie, Administrative Assistant to President Roosevelt, who is arriving in Hong Kong today on his way to Chungking to see Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, states that Mr. Currie has requested that no official function be arranged locally as his business is solely with Chungking Government officials.

It is understood that Mr. Currie will leave Hong Kong promptly, and that his stay in Chungking will be short as he is due back in Washington by March 1.

Mr. Emile Despres, an official of the Federal Reserve Bank, who is accompanying Mr. Currie on his trip, is acting, it is understood, in the capacity of adviser.

FLOODS AND ICY BLASTS IN EUROPE

Following reports of flooding and wintry weather in Hungary comes an account of heavy snowfalls in France and floods caused by the overflowing of the Tiber in Italy.

Traffic has been dislocated by snow in the Paris district and telegraph and telephone lines are down in the southern suburbs, while railway travellers are held up owing to serious damage to the tracks, motor traffic also being virtually at standstill.

In the Auvergne region snow fell for 48 hours.

The new cold wave is causing anxiety to townsfolk owing to the growing difficulties of transporting foodstuffs, while country people are anxious at the loss of hours of work.

Rome Floods

Over 1,200 acres were inundated in the Rome area when the Tiber flooded near the Caleria Bridge following torrential rain.

No victims are reported so far but inhabitants trapped in two houses had to be rescued by firemen.

The civil engineering services have taken measures to deal with the flood and maintain railway communications.—Reuter.

VICHY POLICE SWOOP ON SECRET FRENCH REBELS

THE PETAIN GOVERNMENT is facing increasing trouble and opposition. A secret rebel movement has been investigated by the French police, acting under Nazi orders.

Almost 900 arrests have been made, states a German radio message picked up by the "Sunday Dispatch" radio station.

Another message from Belgrade states that 35 separate Communist organisations have been discovered.

Hitler's Nazis have unwittingly helped General de Gaulle's Free French movement in two ways:

1. The expulsion of French-speaking inhabitants from Lorraine has resulted in opposition to the Petain Government and support for de Gaulle, not only among the evicted but also among sympathisers throughout France.

2. The ransacking of Paris for food—which has been going on since June—has ended in mass demonstrations by hungry citizens. Demonstrators had to be dispersed by troops recently, according to French circles in Zurich.

Surprised

De Gaulle's success in the colonies has surprised General Weygand, who is still in North Africa, where he was sent as a special commissioner of the Vichy Government.

The former Commander-in-Chief is, according to United

States sources, "bitterly disappointed" at the full effect of French capitulation to Hitler.

Proved Wrong

He has seen—

1. That his belief that Britain would soon fall has proved wrong, and

2. That Admiral Darlan, Vichy Minister of the Navy, is wrong in wishing to use the full French Navy in direct action against the British.

However, while Weygand is believed to be particularly hostile to any surrender of any part of the French empire to Spain, there is no evidence that he is prepared to throw in his lot with De Gaulle.

MARINE COURT

At the Marine Court this morning Lieut. Kar, master of an unlicensed sampan, was fined \$5 or seven days' imprisonment by Comm. J. Jolly, Harbour Master, for loitering within 100 yards of the North Wall of the Royal Naval Dockyard.

TORPEDO, BOMBS, FOG AND STORM

BRITISH GRIT
IN A BRITISH
SHIP

LORD LOUIS MOUNTBATTEN, COUSIN OF THE KING, REFUSED TO ABANDON AND SINK HIS SHIP, H.M.S. KELLY, WHEN SHE WAS CRIPPLED BY A GERMAN TORPEDO OFF THE ENEMY COAST.

Instead, he and his crew, fighting with the faith and fire of Nelson, used the destroyer as a floating fence to sink a hunted Nazi torpedo-boat — then defied enemy bombing attacks for three days and made port safely.

Kelly was down by the bows, listing heavily to starboard. One of her boilers was shattered. Some of her men were dead and dying. And the Germans boasted that she was sunk.

But to-day Kelly her wounds healed, after seven months in hospital, is in active service again waiting for the Germans to come out and fight.

The epic story that will live for ever in British naval history has been revealed in London.

Words Of Comfort

The story of a captain who found time in the thick of battle to leave his bridge to murmur words of comfort to a dying seaman.

Of a cook who left his stew-pots to man the guns against enemy warplanes.

An Evans was there, too — Engineer Commander Evans, brother of Evans of the Broke.

Kelly was leading a destroyer flotilla in a hunt for German minelayers when out of darkness and North Sea fog a torpedo struck her.

Flame from the explosion flashed above the level of the bridge.

Its force lifted the warship bodily out of the water and blew the foremost boiler room open to the sea, killing every man in it.

Amid steam black smoke and explosion fumes H.M.S. Bulldog found Kelly lying like a log in the water and took her in tow as the fog thickened.

Kelly's sick bay was wrecked.

In the darkness, working with a few hand torches, the surgeon and attendants worked as, in days past, they toiled in the cockpit of Nelson's Victory.

Enemy "Over The Top"

The men's heroism was in the highest naval tradition.

For hours a stoker, terribly wounded, lay without groaning or complaining.

A telegraphist, aged eighteen wriggled into the wreckage of the the main wireless office.

Knowing that in the ship sank he could not escape he gave injections of morphia to five wounded men who were trapped.

Shortly after midnight a German motor-torpedo-boat, pursued by British warships, came streaking out of the fog at 40 knots.

Desperately trying to escape, the German captain attempted to use Kelly as a shield, but instead of a clear run around the Kelly's bows, the enemy found himself faced by a slope of steel.

Striking Bulldog on the quarter in a final bid to escape, the torpedo-boat bounced off on to Kelly's bows and shot down the starboard side, tearing away her whaler motor-boat davits and guard rails.

Her crew were shouting like maniacs as she cannoned off into the fog — and sudden silence.

Judging by the amount of interesting wreckage she had left behind — and the silence — she had foundered.

A naval rating, First-Class Stoker, Cave was severely injured.

Hold Me When I Die

"Never mind me, Dec," he told a sick berth attendant. "I'm done for. Help the other jads — but hold me when I die. I'll tell you when."

Lord Louis Mountbatten, told of the man's courage, went down to see him.

After holding the man to ease his pain, Lord Louis said: "I'm proud to have served with a man like you."

Then he returned to the bridge — the Nelson touch. Doc held the man as he died, telling him that his sacrifice had saved other men's lives.

German bombers appeared next morning as the Kelly's wounded were being transferred to H.M.S. Kardahar.

An air escort beat them off. Repeated bombing attacks also failed.

Dead were buried at sea. The wind and sea rose steadily as the Saturday wore on. The Kelly was yawing almost unmanageably.

On the captain's order every man except those needed for the guns was ordered to leave.

Eighteen officers and men selected from a whole ship's company that volunteered to remain on board, were left in Kelly with Lord Louis Mountbatten, who is forty and fought in the last war.

Aircraft reported two enemy submarines in her direct path, and her captain, realising she was merely a sitting target for their torpedoes, decided to transfer his volunteer party temporarily to Bulldog.

All through the hours of darkness the Kelly lay abandoned with the seas churning through her boiler rooms.

And all through the night the escorting destroyers steamed in an endless chain round their stricken leader.

In the dawn two tugs arrived and the volunteer party returned to Kelly and got her in tow. The wind and sea rose again. Waves swept her from end to end. Again the bombers attacked — and failed.

Steel Helmet

The guns were worked by hand, the crews scrambling over the wreckage from one gun to another as each came to bear on the attacking aircraft.

The able seaman who had volunteered to act as cook kept rushing from his stew pots to his gun and back again in the hulls of his cooking.

He persisted in wearing a large white apron and steel helmet throughout.

On the Monday afternoon, having been ninety-one hours in tow or hove to, Kelly arrived in port.

She had beaten the most determined Nazi onslaughts from the air, dodged submarines and evaded surface craft.

BIT HER
NOSE

A MAN WAS STATED AT GLAMORGAN ASSIZES AT SWANSEA TO HAVE BITTEN OFF PART OF HIS WIFE'S NOSE AND THEN TO HAVE PAID A SUBSTANTIAL SUM FOR PLASTIC TREATMENT WHICH REMOVED THE DISFIGUREMENT.

Anthony Misud, thirty, a Maltese fireman, was bound over for three years on a charge of unlawfully wounding his wife with intent to disfigure her.

It was stated that he and his wife had a dispute as to the ownership of a cafe business.

GERMANS
DOUBTING
RESULTS
OF WAR

The latest issue of the Schwarze Korps, the organ of the Nazi S.S. men, complains that many people in Germany have the audacity to question the results of the war so far achieved.

It is often said about the result of the war in France, remarks the paper impatiently, that precious time was wasted in marching to Lyons and Southern France while there was no attempt to cross the Channel, and it warns German people to refrain from making such "ridiculous remarks."

A Major Martin, writing in the German Army publication "Die Wehrmacht," also hits out at grumblers: "Women at home," he says, "show a lack of understanding by saying that our army does nothing, and by asking why men who are sorely needed at home cannot be allowed to return."

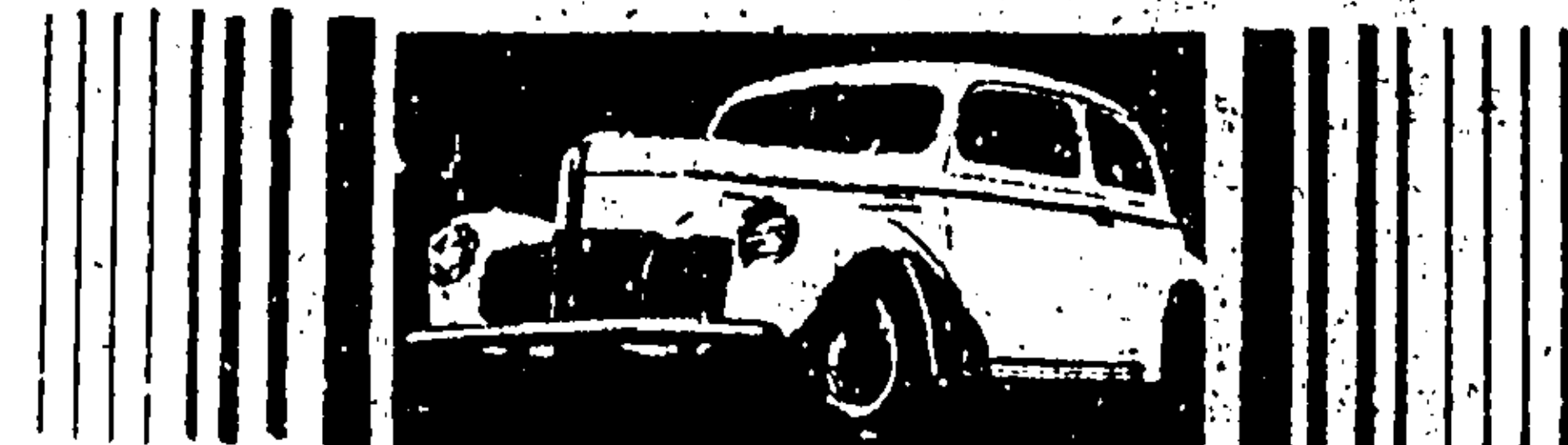
"The same question is often asked by soldiers, who seem to think that war can be carried on by the navy and the air force."

Major Martin's comment is: "Yes, we won the war in Poland, Norway, Holland and France, but it is not sufficient to have reached this aim, as England is not willing to recognise our victories."

"The conquered territories need ruling by vast contingents of German troops, so that the war can be carried on by the navy and the air force."

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BRIDGE NOTES

DON'T GIVE UP! By The Four Aces

West couldn't see much chance of defeating the contract, but he belonged to the never-say-die school of Bridge players:

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 8 5
♥ Q 4
♦ 8 7 6
♣ A K Q 10 5 3

♠ A Q 2
♥ K 10 8 3
♦ Q 3
♣ 8 7 6 2

West
N
E
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♠ 10 6 4 3
♥ 9 7 5 2
♦ A 10 4 2
♣ 9

♠ K J 9 7
♥ A J 6
♦ K J 9 5
♣ J 4

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West led the three of hearts, and South put up dummy's Queen in order to lead a diamond. East played a low diamond, and South guessed wrong by playing the Jack. West won with the Queen of diamonds and looked mournfully at the dummy.

Obviously, Declarer had six club tricks whenever he wanted to take them; and just as obviously, he had the heart Ace, and therefore two sure heart tricks. But six and two totalled only eight when West went to school, so there was still hope for him. South still needed a ninth trick, and West wasn't going to help him make it; so he made the safest possible return—a club.

Dummy won with the club Queen, and South once more had to decide where his ninth trick lay. Once more he guessed wrong—this time by leading a spade. The finesse of the spade Jack lost to West's Queen, and back came another club. This had to be won in dummy, and South had to run the rest of the clubs then or never.

But the last club squeezed the life out of him! He could save only four cards, one of which had to be the heart Ace. It was therefore necessary to blank either the spade or the diamond King. The defence could therefore take the two Aces together with a low card in the suit South had unguarded.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner, and with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q J 10 4
♥ Q J 10 9
♦ K 9
♣ K J 9

The bidding:

Maier	Schenken	Jacoby	You
1♥	2♦	Dbl.	(?)

ANSWER: Redouble. Even if your partner's overcall is extremely weak, he should be able to win eight tricks with your support. Moreover, and most important of all, you are ready to double any attempted escape by the opponents.

Score 100% for redouble, 20% for pass, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 631

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner, and with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 7
♥ A Q J 8 6 3
♦ K J 9 4
♣ K 5

The bidding:

Jacoby	Maier	You	Schenken
Pass	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer

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Twenty-five fully-equipped ambulances were presented to the Greek Government by the British American Ambulance Corps at impressive ceremonies at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral in New York.—Reuter.

SAVED BY BIBLE

A survivor of the armed merchant cruiser *Laurentic*, sunk by German submarines, owes his life to the fact that he left a crowded lifeboat to go back for his grandfather's Bible.

The man, Frederick William Train, twenty-two, a coder, joined the Navy last May, and the *Laurentic* was his first ship.

"We were hit at about nine o'clock on Sunday evening. The ship heeled over on one side and all the lights went out," said Train.

Into Another Boat

"The ship looked as if it were settling down and the captain gave the order to abandon ship. I swarmed down a rope ladder into a lifeboat and then remembered that I had left behind my grandfather's Bible. I went back into the cabin for it.

"I grabbed the Bible and climbed down a rope in time to get into another boat.

"We were picked up at about 4.30 in the morning by a warship. Before it went down the *Patroclus* came steaming up to our aid.

"As one of our lifeboats got to the *Patroclus* a torpedo struck the side of that ship."

The Bible was presented to Train's grandfather by a Sunday School class in New South Wales, Australia, in 1897.

ARMY AIDS BRASS BANDS

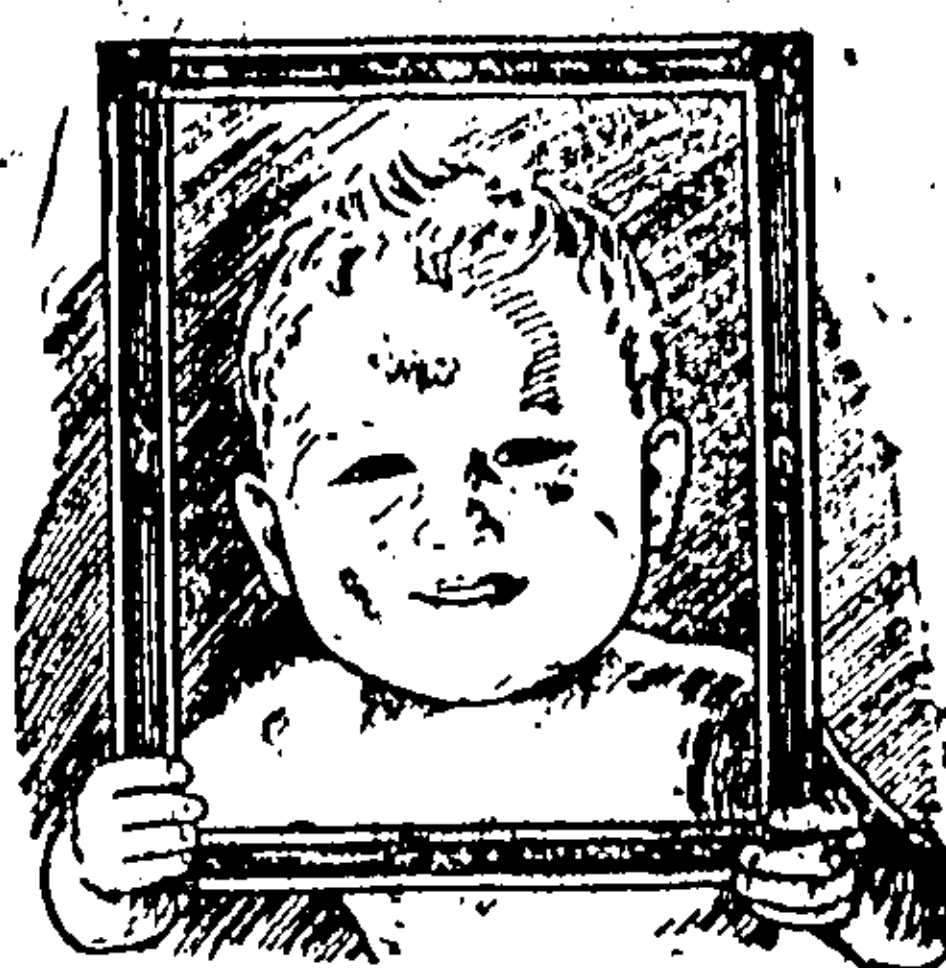
Though this year for the first time since the last war there will be no national festival for the brass bands of Britain, an intensive recruiting of bandmen and bandwomen is now taking place.

The War Office has called in the biggest personality in the brass band world—Mr. John Henry Iles, 79-year-old founder and director of the National Bands Festival—to put the Army bands once again in their rightful position.

He is trying to establish bands in every Army regiment in the Civil Defence and Women's Services and in the Home Guards.

Mr. Iles told a reporter he is trying to keep home bands going, too, using very young and very old bandmen.

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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



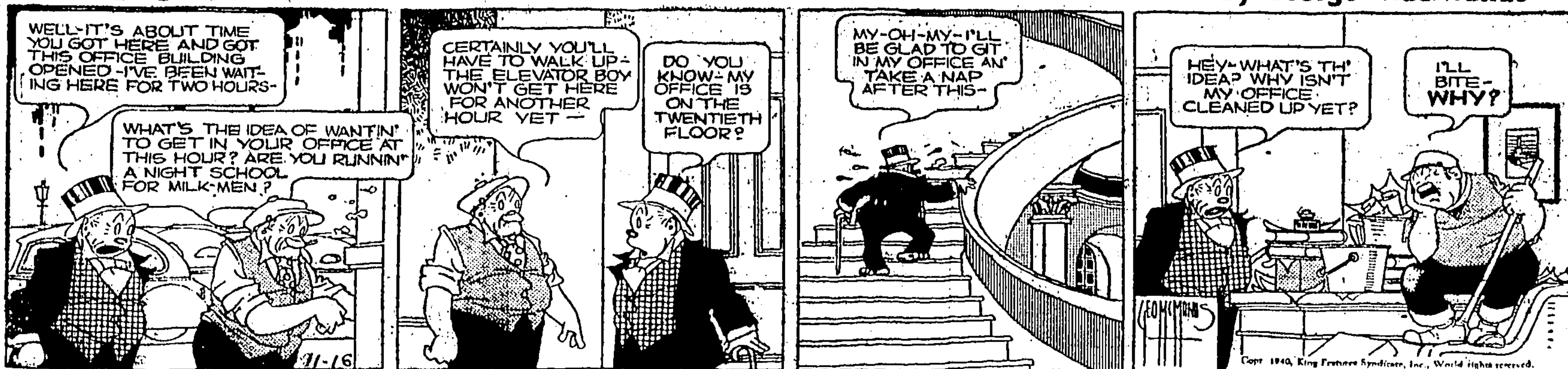
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Strengthen Midriff And Spine

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In consulting with Miss Catherine Van Rensselaer, who is the able director of the Contour Corner of the American Woman's Association, I offer you the first of a series of exercises for the correction of the most common figure flaws. These are, as you might guess, too heavy hips and thighs, flabby or prominent abdomen, a dowager's hump and a stiff spine which causes poor posture and health.

"Every figure can be improved," claims Miss Van Rensselaer, "by exercises which strengthen the spine and abdomen. It is my opinion that such exercises should be practiced daily even though a woman may be concentrating on refashioning specific parts of her body."

The following three exercises should be practiced daily until the next of the series appear. If you have not been exercising let me caution you to go easily at first until you limber your body. Study the directions with care, try the exercises slowly at first and then once you catch the knack and the rhythm, do each five or six times at first. Gradually increase the number of times until you are doing them as often as is directed at the end of each movement. Remember that exercise is essential but it should not be over-done any more than sun-bathing should be! Take it gradually.



Dressed in easy clothes this young beauty is practicing the splendid Alternative Toe Touch Exercise in the gymnasium of the American Woman's Association, under expert direction.

Begin To-day To Practice These

ALTERNATE TOE TOUCH WITH FORWARD BEND: Sit with legs apart, arms extended outward

at shoulder level. Bend forward and touch both hands to left foot, twisting trunk at same time. Resume original position, rest, then touch both hands to right foot.

Five times to each side and repeat.

ALTERNATE LEG PLACING BACKWARD WITH HOP: Squat, sitting on heels, hands in front of you on floor, between your knees. Extend right leg straight back and with a hop replace right leg and extend left leg. In fairly fast rhythm, 15 to 20 times. Rest and repeat.

SEMI-SOMERSAULT: Lie on back, arms overhead. Sit up and touch the toes, then lie back at the same time swinging legs forward and upward until toes touch floor behind your head. Lower legs to floor and repeat in easy rhythm 10 to 15 times.

Fabrics Suited To The Screen Also Suited To Us

THAT bromide about all trades having tricks was never truer than when applied to designers in studio wardrobe departments. For they must know not only the most becoming materials for their stars, but how to select them for wearability.

Never doubt that, despite all the extravagant splendour employed by motion picture executives to doll up the darlings of the screen, these businessmen are nevertheless economy minded. For they are—and very much so!

The lavish frocks worn first by Merle Oberon or Olivia de Havilland will appear again a few months later on featured players, only to be worn time and time again, after that, by extra girls. This is not news. But, believing that those materials which prove most serviceable in a picture company's wardrobe department will, by this same token, prove the best buys for those of you who cannot replace your wardrobes each season, we dropped into Warner Brothers' wardrobe department, recently, to pick up helpful news of fabric values.

Taffeta Their Bugaboo

Of course, some materials, taffeta for example, which are suited to use by everybody, follow down the wrath of Hollywood designers and wardrobe departments for other reasons than fragility. Taffeta is the big bugaboo of all screen designers because, according to Orry Kelly, Warner

Brothers' stylist, while it photographs more beautifully than any other material due to its high sheen, it brings down the wrath of the sound man because of its noisy swish.

Wools are perhaps the favourite of all materials in picture studio wardrobe departments. This is Orry Kelly's pet material. But here the designer and the extra girl's wardrobe department are in complete accord—because wool cleans and cleans but looks forever new.

Chiffon has the shortest screen life of any material, because it goes limp after one cleaning. A little gray chiffon with silver leather dirndl worn by Olivia in a picture now among the archives, breathed only once again on a lesser known player, and then passed on to the Salvation Army. Silver or gold cloth is very impractical. The magnificent metallic gowns worn in "The Sea Hawk" are already showing signs of turning green. But the tapestry gowns and those of heavy, lustrous satin are as rich and gleaming after their final cleaning, before being temporarily shelved, as they were the first day Brenda Marshall donned them.

On The Extravagant List

Beaded gowns are strictly on the studio's "extravagance" list, yet they are so lovely that a star adores having one. They flatter her eyes and hair, the little beads catching the lights of the sets; and

the gowns become ultra glamorous material for the cameraman. But a very rich gown heavy with beads elicits songs of woe from the wardrobe mistress. It must be handled with velvet gloves, caressed, treated tenderly by the cleaning man and laid carefully away lest the delicate threads break and the beads actually drip.

On the other side of the practical fabric fence is Ann Sheridan's white linen suit worn every day for twelve weeks and still as good as new. This was one of the two costume changes she used in "Torrid Zone," and this one little suit went through numerous trials and tribulations, as you know if you've seen the picture. Each night it was cleaned; and each morning it looked so new that it had to be rumpled up to make the scenes plausible.

Suede is popular, both with Mr. Kelly and his assistants, because of its high style, its wearability, and its cleanability.

But what about that taffeta frock that annoyed the sound man with its regal and reminiscent swish? Stars will wear taffeta. So, during the filming of "All This and Heaven Too," it was fortunately discovered that Bette Davis' quaint little taffeta costumes could be made as noiseless as a moccasin by the wearing of a cheesecloth petticoat between the frock and her ruffled starched petticoats. No longer will taffeta be barred from studio sets!

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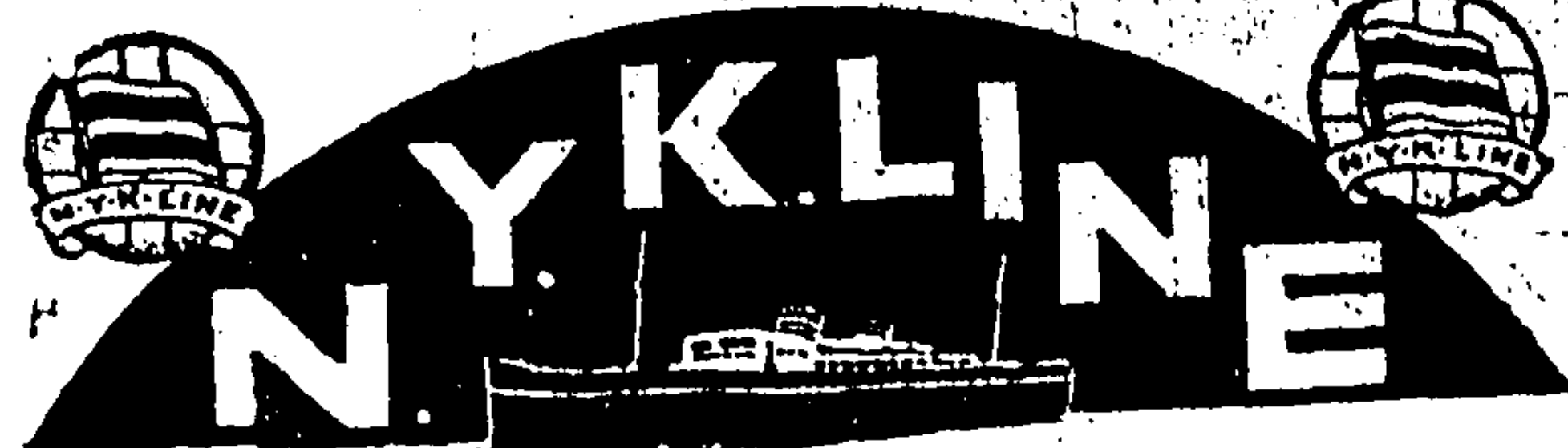
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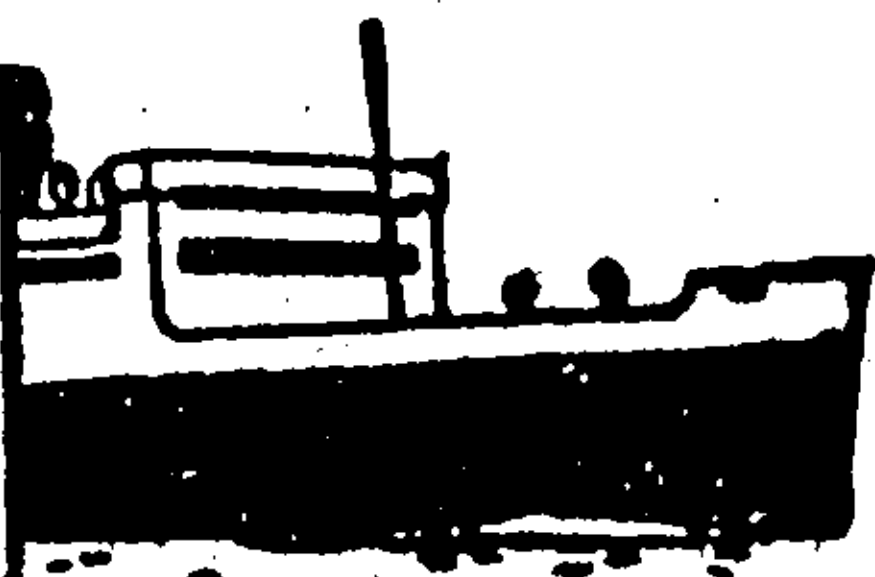
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About 150 people — many of them women and children — escaped from a London shelter which was flooded in a night raid. One of the shelterers said: —

"The first we knew was the crashing of masonry. Then the water rushed in. We made for the back exit. Within a few seconds we were wading up to our waists. The men who left last had almost to swim out."

Everyone in the shelter escaped. Police and A.R.P. men swam for some time in the icy water to make sure of it.

One bomb had fallen in the road, and the other burst at the base of the orphanage building above the shelter, breaking a water main.

The Air Ministry's report of the night's raids said that while in general they were not particularly heavy, they were somewhat greater than on the previous night, but practically ceased soon after midnight.

Most of the casualties occurred when a building was demolished near the south bank of the Thames Estuary.

In the London area a few fires were caused but only one of these was large and all were soon under control.

The Thames Estuary building mentioned in the communiqué was a public house, which suffered a direct hit. The bomb fell when the public house was very busy and only one bar was left standing. Several people were killed.

A bomb which fell in the outskirts of London wrecked six houses and damaged others.

Rescue workers were still searching at night for Mrs. Daisy Brookes and her four-year old daughter.

Mr. Brookes had suggested a visit to the cinema, but his wife preferred to stay at home. He returned to find his house gone and wife and child buried under the wreckage.

TYPISTS ARE NOW SKILLED FORESTERS

CITY GIRLS who used to do everything from typing, serving in shops and factory work are now doing all the jobs that men can do on the farm, and more besides.

Some of them, after expert tuition in Western England's Forest of Dean, are now skilled foresters.

Detail of the work the land girls are doing in Gloucestershire, one of the largest employing counties of the Women's Land Army, were revealed at a rally in Gloucester's Shire Hall.

Training in Gloucestershire of the Women's Land Army began in June of last year, and two short courses of training had been completed by the time war broke out.

Among the occupations the land girls followed before the war were the following: art teachers, students, domestic servants, shop assistants, nurses, factory workers, barmaids, cashiers, typists, hair-dressers and kennel-maids.

Now they are employed on farms, doing milking and dairy work, driving tractors and looking after pigs and poultry, while others are market-gardeners and forestry workers.

Perhaps the most fortunate are the girls who have taken up forestry. They are trained at a hostel at Parkend, in the Forest of Dean. Since the hostel opened in January there have been continuous classes for groups of 20 girls at a time.

Thirty-five of the girls are already employed by the Forestry Commission as timber measurers and foresters, and are working now in the historic Forest.

One thing that should interest girls in other parts of the country is that there is no unemployment among Gloucestershire land girls. The problem is to find enough girls to satisfy the demand.

TELLS OF ACCUSED DAUGHTER

Two women, eyes filled with tears, faced each other across the sombre No. 1 Court at the Old Bailey.

The one, pale-faced, with a shock of auburn hair, was charged with murder; the other, a small, homely woman—mother of the woman on trial—was in the witness-box.

It was the second day of the trial in which Mrs. Florence Ransom, thirty-five, of Piddington, Bicester, Oxfordshire, is charged with the murder, on July 9, of her lover's wife, Mrs. Dorothy Fisher, of Tonbridge, Kent.

The mother, Mrs. Mary Guilford, glanced shyly around the court. Then she saw her daughter seated in the dock.

Counsel for the defence put a question to Mrs. Guilford that caused tears to come to her eyes.

"Do you remember," he asked, "the day your daughter was born thirty-five years ago?"

Then quietly, with emotion, Mrs. Guilford, replying to questions, told the history of her daughter as a baby and young woman.

It was alleged that Mrs. Ransom travelled from Bicester to Matfield on July 9, carrying with her a poacher's gun, and shot Mrs. Fisher and the other two women. She was not charged with the murder of Miss Fisher and Miss Saunders.

"Another Man"
When her daughter returned on July 9, said Mrs. Guilford, she looked as if she were crazy and bewildered.

Mrs. Guilford said: "Wherever have you been?" and her daughter replied that she had fallen in the field striking her head.

The next day her daughter told her that the day before she had been with a man whose Christian name was Dudley.

Mrs. Guilford said: "Why don't you tell Mr. Fisher?" And her daughter replied: "I cannot. Mr. Fisher would not understand that kind of friendship."

Mrs. Jessie Guilford, wife of Frederick Vernon Guilford, said that when Mrs. Ransom read the newspaper account of the tragedy she staggered and she helped her to the bedroom.

"I did not tell the police the truth in the first place," said Mrs. Guilford, "because my sister-in-law thought I should shield her. She said that if the police questioned me I was to say certain things, one being that she was on the farm on Tuesday."

The hearing was adjourned.

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Come, take this bread; had I the wine as well,

Pressed from the richest grapes of some far State,

Despite all wars, within this narrow cell

The Blessed Sacrament we'd celebrate;

The bread I swear is pure, for nothing mars

The offering of a heart that knows no bars.

The above is an extract from a poem, "To a Sparrow," written by Mr. T. E. Nicholas, the Welsh poet, in his cell in Swansea Prison.

Mr. Nicholas, with his son, Mr. T. I. Nicholas, have been released from prison following an appeal against detention before an Advisory Committee sitting at Ascot. They were detained on July 12 as the result of an Order made by the Home Secretary under the Defence Regulations.

During his stay in Brixton and Swansea Prisons, Mr. Nicholas composed a number of sonnets. He was not allowed paper for writing, and therefore wrote his sonnets on the cell slate and then committed them to memory.

On his return to Aberystwyth, Mr. Nicholas paid tribute to the prison officials at Brixton and Swansea. They were, he said, kind and considerate.

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Indians Rise To The Occasion

Beat Baseballers After Extra Time; Still In Running

Omar And Hassan Hold On To Brilliant Catches

By "Grandstand"

ALL THE SOFTBALL GAMES in the Senior League on Sunday were featured by close decisions, but the one which kept the fans on their feet until the last put-out, was the Indian Softballers-Hong Kong Baseballers tilt which went into two extra innings before the Indians downed the Mohawks 7-5 to stay in the pennant race.

Frank Crews, starting for the Baseballers in his initial mound appearance, yielded eight safeties before he was demoted in favour of regular hurler Cy "Screwball" Jones, who only allowed three blows for the rest of the game, but they were all bunched up in the ninth for the winning runs.

Crews whiffed one, whilst Jones accounted for two via the same route. Kassa Nazarin went the route for the Indians and spaced seven hits, and neither walked nor fanned any.

Indians' Early Threat

The Indians threatened from the start, when Kitchell and Nazarin both singled, but Ahwoo Omar fled out and "Baby" Abbas hit into a double play for the side to be retired.

The Mohawks drew first blood when lefty left-fielder Hank Sperry slashed a double, and scored on Ahwoo Omar's wild strong-arm heave. In the second both sides were shutout, but the Indians pushed across the tie-breaker in the third, when Tarzan Ismail romped home on a fielder's choice.

In the fifth the Indians chalked up two more markers on three successive safeties. Taking over pitching duties in the sixth, Cy Jones walked Madeen Arculli, who dented the home-plate for another Indian score.

In the Mohawk half of the sixth, Johnnie Schaberg's four-master drove in Hearther and Davis after two down, for the Waggoners to trail one behind, whilst Lou Leight's timely single in the seventh stanza evened the count.

In the first overtime chapter both sides were blanked, but the Indians accounted for two tallies in the second extra session to take the lead. In the Mohawk's home half, Jones was given a life on Kitchell's wild heave but Moithen Morris and Sperry fled out to end the game.

Two Double-Plays

Two twin-killings were made by the Mohawks, first on a Waggoner-Fitch-Hearther play which snuffed Kitchell and Abbas, and on a Leight to Hearther play, erasing Arculli and Hamet.

Both Ahwoo Omar and Savage Hassan, Indian gardeners brought down sensational catches, the former camping under nine and the latter snaring three, all of which were marked for hits.

Nazarin's three in five, which included a three-bagger, was the best willow performance, whilst Johnnie Schaberg's homer with ducks in the pond, was the longest clout of the game.

Last-Minute Victory

Although the Chinese Baseballers out-hit the Recrelo Aces 12-8, the latter snatched a last-inning victory from the Liunen. Both sides fielded scratch teams, the Aces being augmented by roping in Billy Soares and Luigi Gosano from their junior team, whilst the Chinese Baseballers, in the absence of the U.S.S. Mindanao from port, had to utilise the services of Vic Lim and Kenny Wong, the last-named being the answer to every pitcher's prayer in his three trips to the plate and back again.

The Chinese Baseballers went into a hitting spree in the initial frame and tallied four times, but were held scoreless for the remainder of the game.

The Aces scored one in each of the first two chapters and again in the fifth, Nick Bekrao's sacrifice in the sixth, driving in Eddie Gosano for the tying marker.

With their last time at bat coming up, Luigi Gosano, who had remained hitless all afternoon, rapped a single and scored on Ecco Marques' single.

Chinese first-bagger Tommy Chah and Ecco Marques both had perfect batting days, both clouting a neat 1,000 in four trips. Johnnie Alvares, on the mound

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SENIOR LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
St. Joseph's	8	2	.800
Indians	8	3	.727
Hong Kong Baseballers	7	3	.700
Cyclones	6	4	.600
Recrelo Aces	5	4	.556
Chinese Baseballers	3	5	.375
Filipinos	2	7	.222
Canadian Chinese	0	11	.000

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Chung Hwa	9	1	.900
V.R.C.	8	1	.889
R.A.F.	6	3	.667
Recrelo Bees	6	3	.667
Cosmos	6	4	.600
South China	4	4	.500
Liga Portuguesa	3	5	.375
Royal Scots	3	5	.375
8th R.A.	3	7	.300
Central Britishers	1	8	.111
Royal Engineers	0	7	.000

LADIES' LEAGUE

Canadian Chinese	9	1	.900
Wildcats	9	1	.900
Wahoos	9	2	.818
Panthers	7	5	.583
Cardinals	6	6	.500
Ramblerettes	3	9	.250
Little Flowers	1	9	.100
Chung Hwa	0	11	.000

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Shell Oilers	3	1	.750
Chartered Bankers	1	1	.500
Lacas	2	2	.500
Cables	0	4	.000
Greenspots	0	4	.000

GIRLS' LEAGUE

CANADIANS SUFFER SEASON'S FIRST REVERSE

By "Grandstand"

CANADIAN CHINESE suffered their first setback of the softball season when, on Sunday, they were humiliated by the Wildcats by 11-2 for the League leadership to be tied.

Toeing the rubber for the Maple Leafs, Mary Ng started off like a four-alarm blaze in a nuttress factory as she smoked them past five bewildered Wildcats in the first two frames, but she lost her control when hindsnatcher Dot Louie was knocked cold by stopping a foul tip off Gloria Mar with her eye.

Besides fanning five, Mary issued three free tickets to first, was guilty of two wild pitches and was combed for nine safeties.

Wildcat slabstress Thelma Collico gave a sterling performance by chucking a two-hitter, walking two and fanning two.

No Score

Both sides were shut out in the initial chapter, although Canuckette hurler Mabel Bunn took a

stroll to first, only to be nailed at the pay-off station, whilst in the Wildcats' half with the willow, Irene Pereira waved at three fast ones for the first strikeout.

In the second frame, Dot Louie was given a life by Gloria Mar's wild heave and scored on Mavis Chan's single, but Wildcat Cynthia "Sailor" da Motta came through with a timely single to tie the count.

In the fourth two more Wildcats runs came over the pan on two hits helped by three Canuckette bobbles. Taking advantage of the Canuckette crack-up, the Untamed Felines let loose a barrage of hits to put the issue beyond doubt.

Catcher Cynthia da Motta was in perfect slugging form, in her four turns with the hickory, connecting safely three times and driving in four runs for her side.

Her three hits included a two-bagger, the only extra-base clout of the game. Centre-fielder Virginia Chu also returned a brilliant two-in-three.

Chung Hwa Massacred

In the Cardinals-Chung Hwa merry-go-round the Redbirds chalked up a 26-1 victory in a five-inning massacre in which Chung Hwa hurler Funglie Law was nicked for 15 safeties, whilst her mates were only able to collect two blows off Cardinal hurler Eirena Babida.

Homers were belted in by Babida, Gladys Hutchinson and Marie Roza.

In the Baby Panthers-Recrelo Ramblerettes tussle, the Panthers pulled their game out of the fire by a four-run rally in the sixth. The Pantherettes were without the services of regular short-stop Regina Xavier and left-fielder Norma Silva, Patsy Ribeiro and Celeste Guterres being thrown in to fill the breach.

Lelia Xavier, on the hillock for the Panthers, fanned three and walked one, whilst Gerry Jorge, on the slab for the Ramblerettes, whiffed two and passed three.

Pantherette Celeste Marques banged in the only circuit clout, whilst Therera Marques accounted for both two-baggers. Hilda Soares returned a perfect batting figure in three times.

JUNIORS

League Leaders Just Win

By "Grandstand"

In the Junior Softball circuit on Sunday both the Chung Hwa and V.R.C. pennant chasers had narrow squeaks, when they both eked out narrow victories after trailing behind for the greater part of the game.

In the opener at Chatham Road, Chung Hwa triumphed over the South China nine by 6-4 with a four-run attack in the fourth after the latter had the lead from the start. South China lost their chance when they had the sacks choked with only one away, but got crossed up on a squeeze play.

Al Lau started on the mound for Chung Hwa but was relieved by P. F. "Clutch-Hurler" Choy. Bill Quon and Cecil Winglee went the route for Nam Hwa and the

longest hit of the day was a triple belted by Al Lau.

In the V.R.C.-Cosmos clash, the Crusaders pulled the game out of the fire by two timely spurges of runs in the fifth and sixth, which netted them 13 markers. Sonny "Jock" Brown drew the pitching assignment for the Victorians, fanning four and walking one, whilst Blas, tossing them over for the Cosmos, whiffed one and passed three.

Cosmos Take Lead

Bimby (The Blimp) Ablong singled in the initial frame, but Roy Maxwell hit into a double play for a V.R.C. bank inning. The Cosmos jumped into the lead with a four-hit three-run start, but both sides were blanked in the next session.

In the third, Manuel Roza dented the counting station on a tumble for the first V.R.C. tally, but the Cosmos came back with two more.

Roy Maxwell, Alec Azedo and Cecil Quinn went out in one-two-three order in the fourth.

Regaining their form somewhat, the Crusaders shellacked hurler Blas for eight safeties in the next two stanzas to sew up the game.

Ernie Ribeiro clouted the only homer of the fracas, whilst Bimby Ablong and Blas shared batting honours with two safeties each in their three trips to the platter.

Tony Sandberg, A. Smirke, and Willie Woo completed the only twin-killing of the game when they erased Roy Maxwell and Bimby Ablong in the first.

Gunners Cause Upset

In the night-cap, the 8th R.A. created the upset of the week by humbling the Kai Tak Airmen by 7-2.

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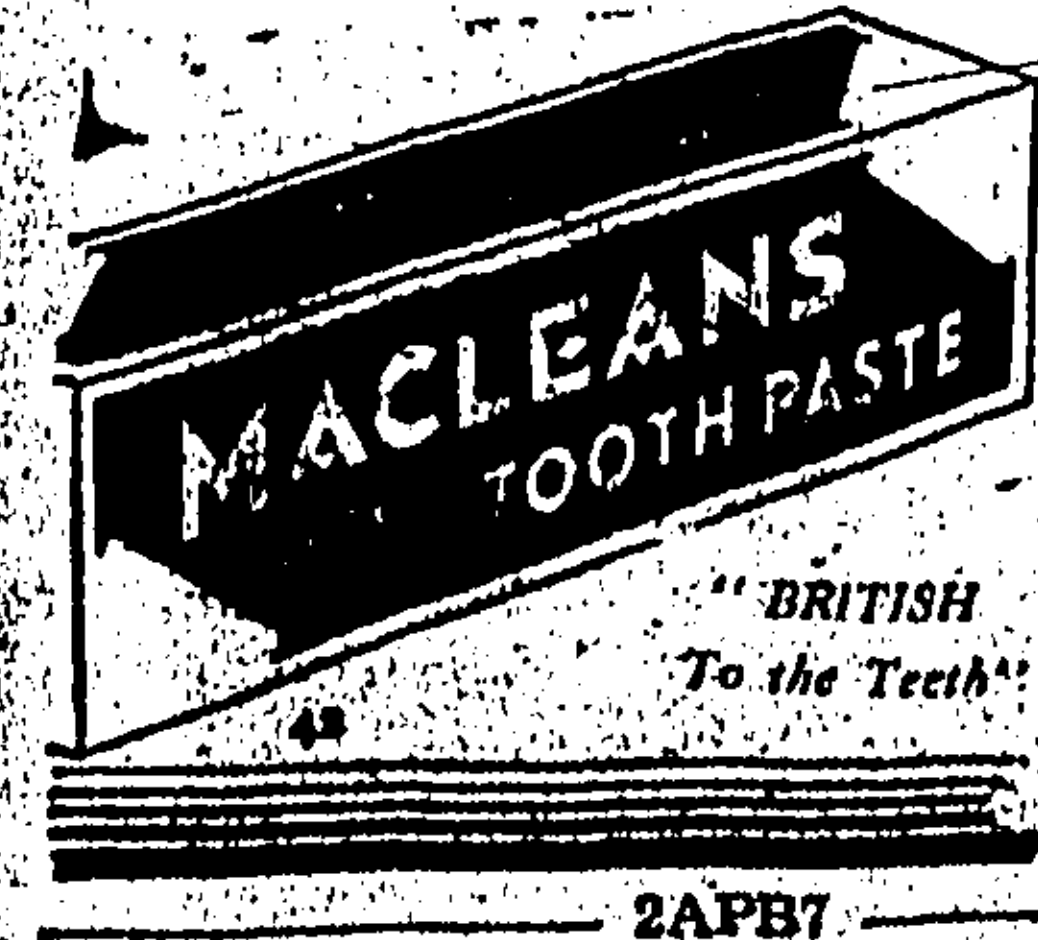
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Losers Score First But Go Down 1-4

ST. ANDREW'S SHOULD BEAT K'LOON TONG

With the fixture between the two best-balanced teams — Chung Wah and Recreio — postponed until Friday, this evening's Junior Division Badminton matches offer little of interest.

Under normal circumstances, the St. Andrew's-Kowloon Tong fixture would have been a good one, but Kowloon Tong will be without many of their usual players owing to injuries and other reasons, whereas the Saints will be at full strength.

The suburbanites have not a combination like Fincher and Kew and this will make all the difference; the home team should win.

In other matches King's College should have little difficulty against Victoria Recreation Club, while Kowloon Cricket Club should secure another win, this time at the expense of Police.

Following is the programme and some of the team:

Programme

King's College v V.R.C.
P.R.C. v K.C.C.
St. Andrew's v Kowloon Tong
King's College: S. P. Chan and K. J. Attwell, W. C. Chung and K. I. Lau, K. H. Lo and T. Lam.
V.R.C.: D. M. Xavier and S. A. Ramjani, A. Barro and M. M. de V. Soares, F. Castro and A. A. Remedios.
P.R.C.: W. Gillies and L. Gordon, C. Y. Sun and J. Shepherd, H. Dingsdale and J. Ferrier.
St. Andrew's: E. F. Fincher and H. Kew, A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray, M. M. Davies and B. Gillespie.
Kowloon Tong: Peter Lo and M. S. Lee, R. E. Lee and S. C. Chan, J. A. Chan and R. M. Lavelle.



FOOTBALL FIXTURES AT HOME

The following are Home football fixtures for Feb. 8:

LONDON CUP

Aldershot v Queen's P.R.; Brentford v Fulham; Crystal P. v Chelsea; Arsenal v Clapton O.; Reading v Millwall; West Ham v Tottenham.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE (SOUTH)
Bournemouth v Southend; Portsmouth v Southampton; Watford v Brighton.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE WAR CUP (Preliminary Round)
Blackpool v Stockport; Bradford C. v Bolton; Crewe v Southport; Sheffield W. v York.

NORTH REGIONAL
Barnsley v Bradford; Blackburn v Halifax; Burnley v Bury; Hull v Chesterfield; Liverpool v Everton; Middlesbrough v Newcastle; Oldham v Manchester C.; Preston v Sheffield U.; Rochdale v Grimsby.

SOUTH REGIONAL
Cardiff v Bristol; Mansfield v Notts F.

INTERNATIONAL
(At Newcastle)
England v Scotland.

T. WHITLEY IN GREAT FORM

By "Sportshawk"

At King's Park yesterday afternoon, Hong Kong Hockey Club defeated Indian Army by 4 goals to 1 in the Quadrangular Hockey Tournament after leading by 3 goals to 1 at the interval.

A. F. P. Guest, inside-left, who has been on the injured list since Sunday, and Morgan, left-wing, were absentees from the Club team but their places were taken by B. T. Gosano and J. Gonçalves, respectively.

Bond and Taylor were a good pair of backs for Club. They kept the soldiers out for the most part of the game, while W. A. Reed distinguished himself in the pivotal position.

In attack, Smith and T. Whitley combined well and they both gave good support to their leader, E. Fowler.

T. Whitley was the outstanding player in the Club team.

For the losers, Hay, Faqr Mohd, inside-right, played a brilliant all-round game. He showed very good stick-work, which brought to mind Partab Singh, of Kumaon Rules, former Colony player.

Hay Bhag Singh held his position well at left-half, while Nk. Ajah Hussain was impressive in defence.

Indians Score First

The Indians drew first blood through Hay, Faqr Mohd about three minutes after the whistle, but T. Whitley equalised for Club shortly after. The same player added a further goal to place Club in the lead, and E. Fowler netted the last goal for the first period.

Smith scored the only second-half goal for Club.

Club: Bennett, Bond and Taylor; McLellan, W. A. Reed and N. Whitley; Smith, T. Whitley, E. Fowler, B. T. Gosano and J. Gonçalves.

Indian Army: — L. M. A. Ausari; Capt. W. S. Wood and Nk. Anah Hussain, Nk. Murad Khan, Hay, Anahat Ali and Hay, Bhag Singh; Hay, Aziz Mohd, Faqr Mohd, Sep Nasir Mohd, Gur. Sohan Singh and L/Nk. Wassan Singh.

REFEREES' MEETING

The monthly meeting of Football Referees' Association was held at the Hotel Cecil last evening. Mr. H. Beard was in the chair, assisted by Mr. J. F. de Silva, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

A proposal to request the Football Association to award referees and linesmen with souvenirs in the form of whistles and medals when officiating at senior and junior shield final and Interpor games was shelved until more prosperous times.

After routine matters had been disposed of, the Chairman called on R.M.S. Ford to address the meeting.

ARSENAL'S SPORTING GESTURE

As a gesture of sympathy with the difficulties in which Northampton found themselves recently, when five of their players failed to appear, Mr. George Allison, the Arsenal manager, has offered two further fixtures between the clubs this season.

Mr. A. C. J. Sherwin, chairman of Stoke City F.C. from 1924 to 1936, has died.

13 ENTRIES FOR CHESS TOURNEY

Opening matches for the Colony Junior Chess Championship will be played on Thursday, February 13. Fifteen entries have been received, and the draw, made on Monday, resulted as follows:—

A. Kurrik v Un Kwai-yung; A. Morton v William Lee; R. C. Gardner v J. Grefalda; V. V. Kolachoff v J. H. d'Almeida; R. C. Danenberg v A. Y. Biriakoff; To Yu-lau v J. Tausz; D. Drake v A. C. Poupard.

Bye, E. M. Petrove.

The draw for white and black will be announced with the issue of the round by round programme.

The games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays on or before the dates set out in the programme. Games adjourned will be completed within a fortnight of the adjournment and all matches will be played at the Peninsula Hotel.

LEAGUE MATCH POSTPONED

The First Division League Cricket match between Kowloon Cricket Club and Civil Service for Saturday has been postponed to a later date.

The following will represent Civil Service in Second Division against Indian R.C. at Sookunpoo: H. E. Strange, G. Ainslie, J. Barrow, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, J. F. MacGowan, J. Mitchell, H. Parrott, N. L. Smith and A. Watson.

ARMY RUGBY

The games were played in the Large Units Army Rugby League at Sookunpoo yesterday and resulted in Middlesex beating Combined Small Units, and Engineers, winners of the Small Units Competition, beating Royal Artillery.

In the first game between Middlesex and Combined Small Units the former won by a penalty goal, a try and a goal (11 points) to a try (3 points).

Berry, Burrell, Freshwater and Man were the outstanding players for the Middlesex regiment while Sheehan also put in some good work.

Middlesex opened the scoring through Berry who kicked a penalty goal and shortly after Freshwater after a good run down the field passed to Burrell who scored a fine try which was converted by Berry.

In the second half, Macdonald scored for Small Units but Freshwater made the game safe when he beat off several opponents to score a try which Berry failed to convert.

Last-Minute Win

In the other game Engineers, winners of the Small Units competition, snatched a last-minute win by three tries (9 points) to a goal and a try (8 points) over Royal Artillery.

Engineers took the lead early in the game when Davis broke through but Birrell failed to convert.

Easterbrook scored a try for Gunners which Keeble converted. In the second half Gunners scored through Marsh but Pearce failed with the kick. Birrell reduced the lead but failed to convert and in the closing minutes Foley gave his side a win.

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ADM. DARLAN REPORTS BACK TO MARSHAL PETAIN

Reinstatement Of Laval Believed Conceded

ITALIANS TAKE IT LYING DOWN

The destruction of grounded Italian aircraft by the South African Air Force was described in an official statement at Zaroba yesterday.

On Feb. 2 two fighters destroyed a grounded Caproni bomber at Afmadu, in Italian Somaliland.

On Feb. 3 South African bombers escorted by fighters made a low dive-bombing and machine-gunning attack at Gobwen aerodrome, in Kenya. The fighters machine-gunned grounded aircraft while the bombers dropped many heavy bombs and incendiaries.

Three Savoia 79's, one Caproni and one CR42 were destroyed. All the South African planes returned safely.—Reuter.

NEW HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

Laszlo Bardossy, Hungarian Minister in Bucharest, has been appointed Foreign Minister in succession to Count Csaky, says a Budapest despatch to the official German news agency quoted by Reuter.

Negotiation In Paris To Continue

ADMIRAL DARLAN REACHED VICHY FROM PARIS LAST NIGHT AND CONFERRED IMMEDIATELY WITH MARSHAL PETAIN.

It is believed in Vichy he will return to Paris "shortly"—probably to-day or Thursday—"to inform the other parties in the negotiations there of the Marshal's attitude"—presumably towards the reinstatement of Pierre Laval.

Earlier reports had said Laval would accompany Admiral Darlan to Vichy, the Marshal having accepted the German demand for his reinstatement in the Cabinet.

These reports added that the Vichy Government would probably be eliminated.

Meanwhile Paul Baudoin, who was Marshal Petain's first Foreign Minister and afterwards Secretary of State to the Prime Minister, is stated to have been given a new post.

This, according to the official German news agency, is the presidency of the administrative council of the Bank of Indo-China.

Nazi Broadcast Warning To France

A warning to France not to place her hopes in a British victory was broadcast in French by the German radio station at Stuttgart last night.

The speaker said such an attitude showed "inexcusable frivolity bordering on high treason," and added:

"Unless all Frenchmen make up their minds to carry out without delay the readjustment indispensable in the political, economic and social spheres, the difficulties under which France is labouring, far from being relieved, will worsen—possibly with disastrous speed."—Reuter.

Decision Expected In A Few Days

Vichy is expected to reach a decision about the reinstatement of Laval in the next few days, according to a Geneva despatch to the official German news agency.

Laval considers it necessary, if he is recalled to the Government, to be given "far-reaching powers," the despatch adds.—Reuter.

TERRORISM IN SOUTH ABYSSINIA

A campaign of terrorism is being conducted in southern Abyssinia, according to Abyssinian patriots who are coming to Kenya in increasing numbers for fresh supplies of rifles and ammunition.

These patriots say that Italian irregular troops, given a free hand by the Italians, have been murdering peasants and stealing stock.

Italian native levies are reported to take the view that as the Italians will probably be defeated they might as well collect booty while they have the chance.—Reuter.

BROADCAST TO INDIAN TROOPS

It was learned in New Delhi yesterday that General Auchinleck, C-in-C, India, will broadcast to India and Indian troops in the Middle East at 2.55 (G.M.T.) on Feb. 9.—Reuter.

TWO TRAWLERS LOST

The sinking of two trawlers, the Relanzo and Luda Lady, was announced yesterday in an Admiralty communiqué which added there was no loss of life in Luda Lady.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

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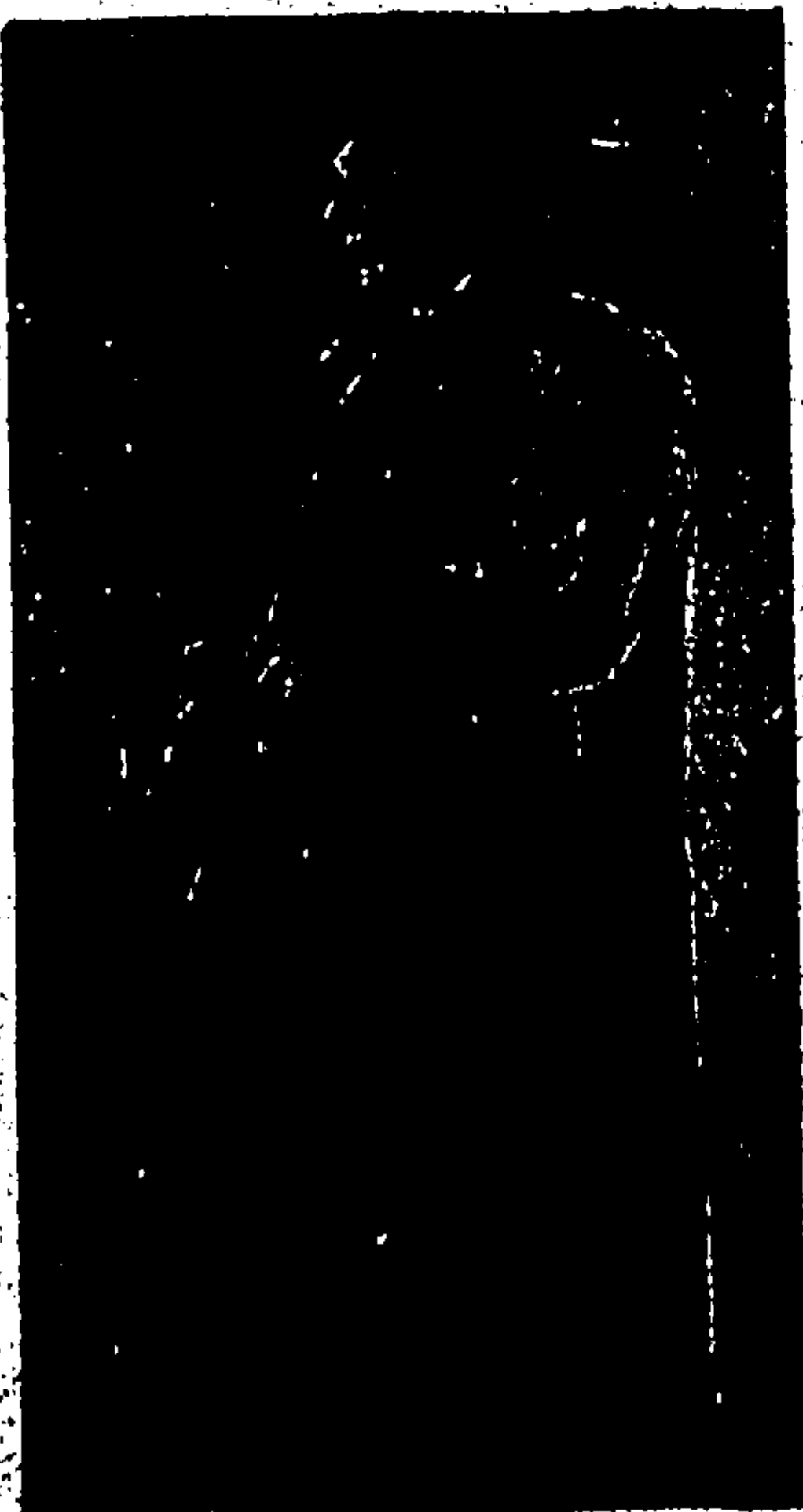
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Japan
To Admit
War!

Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, revealed in Tokyo yesterday that the Government is considering invoking belligerent rights to prevent foreign assistance being given to Chungking.

Mr. Matsuoka, who was replying to a question in the Diet, remarked earlier that he wanted to make clear to the United States that Japan did not want to risk war for the sake of aspirations.

He lamented United States misunderstanding of Japan's real intentions. — Reuter.

DEVIL'S
ISLAND
ESCAPE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Thirty - eight escaped French convicts from Devil's Island yesterday pleaded for a chance to fight for the nation which punished them.

They reached San Juan, Puerto Rico, by a circuitous route after escaping from French Guiana.

Their fate now rests with the United States, whose immigration officials are debating whether to return them to Guiana or send them to Martinique.

The fugitives, who openly expressed a desire to join General de Gaulle, fear execution if they are sent to Martinique. — International News Service.

Italians On The
Run Everywhere(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at
Headquarters in the Middle East)

DRIVING WEST ALONG THE COAST FROM DERNA BRITISH AND IMPERIAL FORCES CAPTURED THE SMALL TOWN OF CYRENE, ABOUT 130 MILES FROM BENGHAZI, ON MONDAY.

It is believed that British advance forces have already advanced past Cyrene. This seems to be indicated by mention in yesterday's R.A.F. communique of British air attacks on enemy troops retreating along the road west of Cyrene, which was Marshal Graziani's headquarters when he planned to invade Egypt.

A brief message received at General Wavell's headquarters in Cairo did not say whether the Italians had offered strong resistance at Cyrene.

It is generally assumed they held on till the last moment and fought a rearguard action when British pressure became too great.

British forces are also thrusting deeper and deeper into Mussolini's African Empire.

70 Miles From Asmara

Since the start of the offensive against Eritrea the British forces have advanced 150 miles and are now approaching the native town of Keren, about 70 miles up the railway from Asmara, capital of the colony.

The retreating Italians may possibly make a stand at Keren, though the town lacks strong defences, and is strategically unsuited to withstanding any considerable attack.

Still On Run

Further south an Italian column driven out of Barentu is still on the run eastwards, with British forces at their heels.

They are withdrawing across mountainous country towards the main Asmara-Addis Ababa road, at Adjugri, 40 miles south of Asmara.

A fair number of prisoners was captured when British advance parties cut off small groups of stragglers in the mountains.

The difficulty of making progress along the mule track they are having to follow has obliged the enemy to cast aside surplus equipment, including a number of tanks and guns.

In Abyssinia

In northern Abyssinia the Italians continue to retreat towards Gondar.

They are putting obstacles in the way of the pursuing British forces but it is learned that these have reached a point some 30 miles from the Sudanese frontier. — Reuter.

ZAGREB
EXPLOSION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The explosion in the building of the British Consulate-General in Zagreb (Yugoslavia) last night is reported to have killed a Yugoslavian woman and injured another.

The building also contains the headquarters of the Anglo-American Club.

IT IS REPORTED THAT THE BRITISH MINISTER TO BELGRADE, SIR RONALD CAMPBELL VISITED THE BUILDING ONLY THE PREVIOUS DAY. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

CHINESE
CONSULATE
FOR H.K.?

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WEATHER FORECAST:—North-east winds, moderate; cloudy with drizzle or light rain, probably improving.

JAPAN'S
THREAT
TO N.E.I.

The Netherlands Government's opposition is nothing and Japan will go forward as planned, says the Tokyo "Chugai Shogyo" this morning.

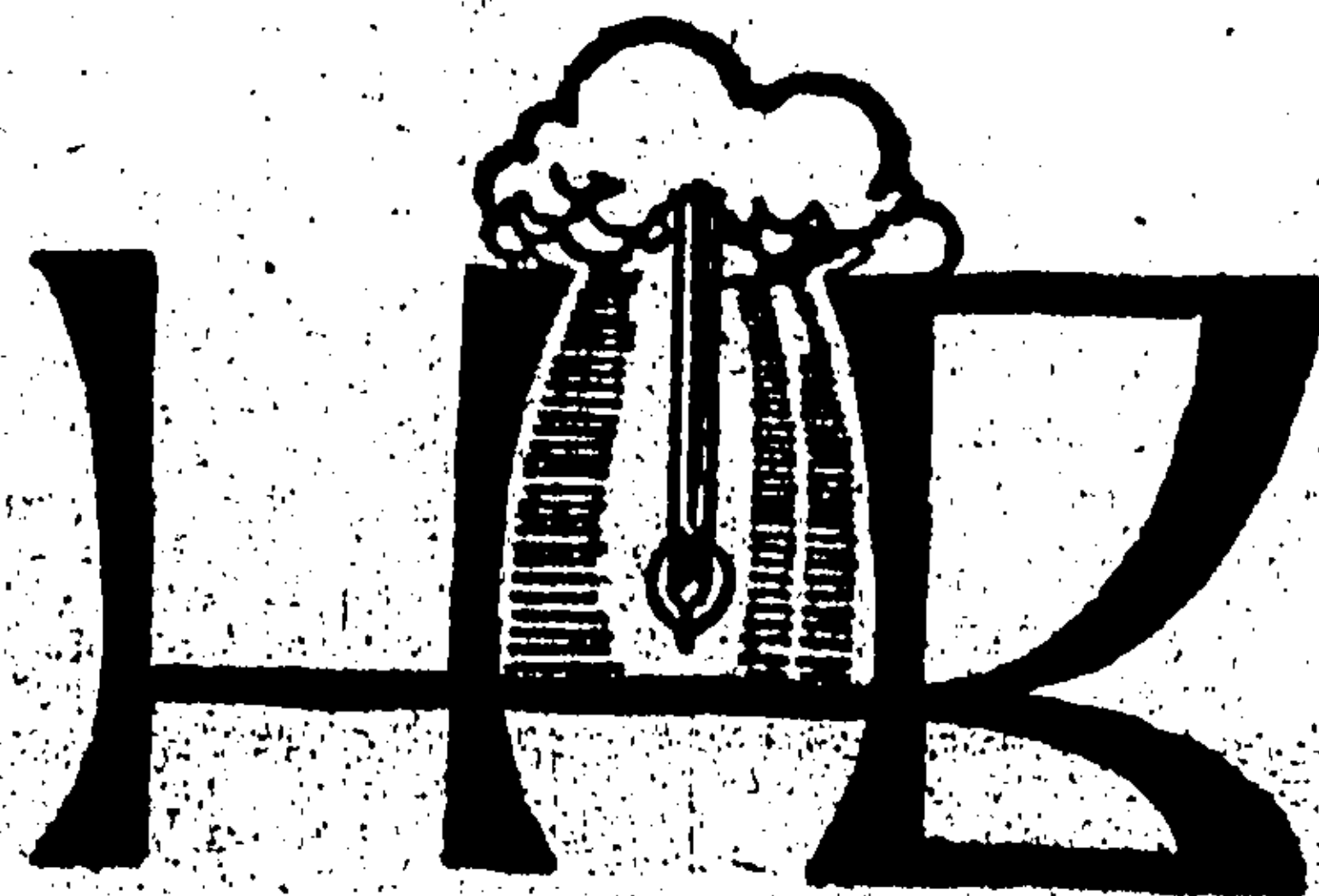
The paper was commenting on Netherlands East Indies opposition to the construction of a "greater East Asia mutual prosperity sphere" by Japan.

It hopes the Netherlands Government will reconsider for the sake of the Netherlands East Indies.

The "Miyako Shimbun" points out that the policy or will of the refugee Netherlands Government is but the policy or will of the British Government.

"ONLY WAY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES IS FOR CO-OPERATION WITH JAPAN FROM A FARSIGHTED VIEW OF THE WORLD SITUATION, AND THERE IS NOTHING MORE FOOLISH FOR THE N.E.I. TO GO TO RUIN WITH THE HOME GOVERNMENT UNDER THE HANDLING OF BRITAIN AND AMERICA." — REUTER.

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—AND THEN TRY!

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TOLL OF GERMAN BOMBERS

Four Shot Down In Raids On East Coast

Isolated Nazi Attacks Yesterday

OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF THE DESTRUCTION OF A GERMAN BOMBER, AS WELL AS THE SHOOTING DOWN OF TWO FIGHTER-BOMBERS AND ONE FIGHTER, IS GIVEN IN AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE.

The communique states that yesterday morning a single enemy bomber dropped bombs in a town on the East Coast, damaging some houses and utility services and starting a fire which was soon put out. There was a small number of casualties.

R.A.F. fighters shot down a bomber off the Suffolk coast.

There was little other enemy air activity over Britain yesterday. A few bombs were dropped in Kent but little damage and no serious casualties were reported.

In the afternoon R.A.F. fighters, without loss to themselves, shot down two enemy fighter-bombers in the outer Thames Estuary, and an enemy fighter off the Kent coast.

Convoys, aerodromes and towns in south-east and east England were the main objectives of the German hit-and-run raids, which cost them four planes.

Burma Squadron

A Dornier 17 which bombed an East Anglian town in the morning, says the Air Ministry, was chased out to sea and shot down by two Hurricane pilots of a Burma squadron.

The pilots saw the bomber trying to sneak through the clouds at 3,000 feet and closed in on either side of him.

Both pilots, worrying the Dornier like terriers, registered hits which sent him crashing into the sea after jettisoning the rest of his bombs.

Blown To Pieces

In another encounter two Spitfire pilots were flying off the south-east coast at a height of 2,000 feet in the afternoon when two Messerschmidt 109's dived down in front.

One of the Spitfires, piloted by a sergeant who won the D.F.M. a month ago with a "bag" of eight, dived after the Messerschmidts.

He got in a seven-seconds burst at one of them and blew it to pieces, and he was able to damage the other before it escaped in cloud.

Two Messerschmidt 110's destroyed near the Thames Estuary were brought down by Hurricanes. — Reuter.

NIEMOELLER NOW ROMAN CATHOLIC

MARTIN NIEMOELLER, THE GERMAN PROTESTANT PASTOR WHO BECAME FAMOUS FOR UNCOMPROMISINGLY RESISTING THE NAZI CONCEPTION OF THE STATE IN RELATION TO RELIGION, AND WHO IS NOW IN CONCENTRATION CAMP, HAS BECOME A ROMAN CATHOLIC, ACCORDING TO THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE SWISS PAPER "BASLER NACHRICHTEN" YESTERDAY.

The paper adds that Niemoller has been contemplating such a step for some time.

A U-boat commander in the last war he was arrested by the Nazis in 1937. — Reuter.

30 GERMANS FOR ONE BRITISH

Yesterday's "bag" of four German aircraft brings the total number of enemy planes shot down in raids on Britain since the beginning of this year to 30. One British plane was lost.

Five German machines have been brought down this month without loss to the British. — Reuter.

UNCEASING RAIDS ON ITALIAN COMMUNICATIONS

R.A.F. BOMBER AND FIGHTER aircraft continued to attack enemy lines of communication on all fronts, stated a communique from R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East in Cairo yesterday.

The communique states that in Libya R.A.F. bombers raided Berka aerodrome at Benghazi on Monday night and dropped bombs on aircraft dispersed on the ground. The bombs started large fires in several buildings.

The railway station at Barce was heavily attacked and motor transport destroyed on the roads.

British fighter aircraft throughout the day harassed the enemy by machine-gun attacks.

At Sionta and Tunis (ten miles east of Barce) six separate attacks were made on troops withdrawing along the road. There were severe casualties and between 20 and 30 vehicles were also destroyed.

Eritrea Support

In support of the army's successful advance in Eritrea, R.A.F. aircraft continued to attack the enemy. One Caproni 113 was destroyed during the operations.

The aerodrome at Gura suffered heavily as the result of a raid in which a number of direct hits



A VISIT FROM THE DUKE OF KENT.—A picture when the Duke of Kent visited people evacuated from their bombed homes into large houses in another district of Southampton. Note the expression of the little toddler in the centre. (Copyright, Fox).

HIS PAL THE HORSE

Man summoned at Highgate for being at such a distance from his horse and cart as not to have proper control over them.

"It is the first time my pal has let me down. I have had him for five years and he has never walked on without me before."

BATISTA OUTWITS PLOTTERS

President Batista, "Cuba's strong man," by swift and dramatic action countered Monday night's attempt to overthrow him.

In sports clothes and accompanied by only two colonels, he drove to the Columbia Camp and took command of the forces.

He ordered the general assembly sounded and when all the troops had responded to the call they pledged loyalty to him. He then explained his actions.

Colonel Lopez Migoya has been appointed Chief of the Army, Colonel Galindez Chief of the Army Staff, Colonel Gomez Casas Chief of the Navy, Colonel Arguelles Chief of the Navy Staff, and Colonel Benitez Chief of Police—appointments popular with the armed forces.

Dictatorship Denied

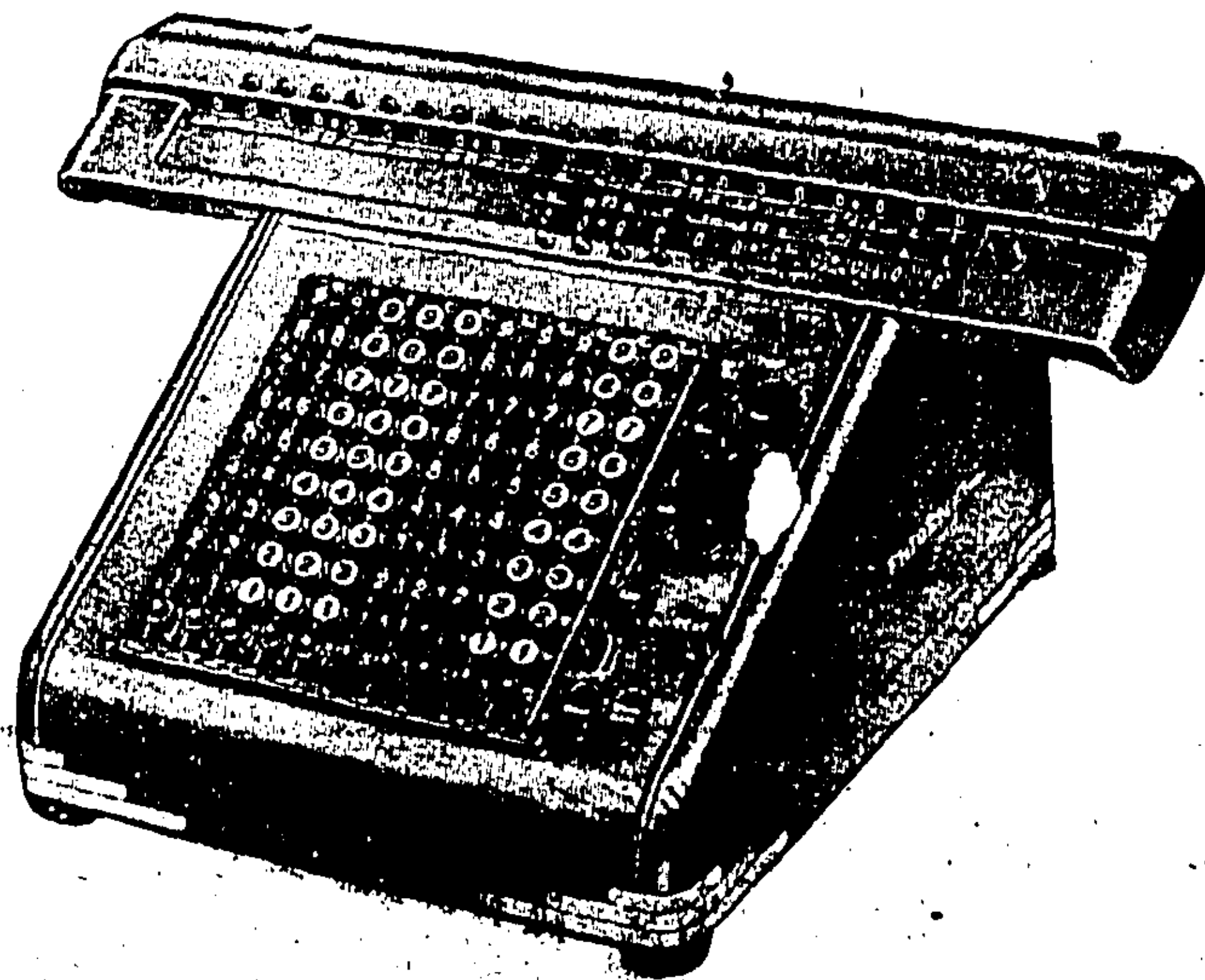
Meanwhile President Batista vigorously denied that he is setting up a dictatorship in Cuba.

In a broadcast he declared he had taken steps in the interests of democratic government.

He said absolutely normal conditions now reign throughout the country and therefore as soon as the crisis was past the suspension of constitution guarantees will be revoked and civil liberties restored. — Reuter.

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Gilt-edged advanced on the London Stock Exchange yesterday on institutional buying. Other sections, especially home rails, generally improved on investment demand, but industrials were largely heavy under the influence of taxation uncertainties. Kaffirs and oils were firm. Among foreign issues, Japanese continued to recover. Wall Street was inclined to harden. — Reuter.

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CONVOY'S TREK THROUGH ABYSSINIAN WILDERNESS

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent Somewhere in the Abyssinian Bush)

This is the sixth day of our trek into an unexplored wilderness and although fatigued and with rations low and trucks battered, we have sighted our objective on the far-off horizon.

We can now look back on many score miles of track blazed through bush and forest, sometimes through raging bush fires, and know that the success of our safari is assured and soon our tracks will be transformed into the first British-made road in Abyssinia.

This expedition, which in peacetime would have taken weeks of careful preparation, was undertaken at 12 hours' notice, with no different development than one would use in a trip from London to the coast.

Bush Fire

We started with a convoy of British and foreign vehicles, but two days later abandoned the foreign vehicles, which could not survive the severe conditions.

Yesterday my truck struck a half-buried boulder, puncturing the oil sump and twisting the clutch rod. The oil sump was pegged with wood.

The clutch rod we heated over log fires and hammered straight with an axe, but while we were fixing it under the lorry a swarm of bees sought to quench their thirst from the perspiration of our bodies, inflicting stings.

When the repairs were completed a bush fire with lightning speed swept across the elephant grass, enveloping the disabled lorry with flames, but though the woodwork went on fire and the tyres began to melt the vehicle was saved and we continued the journey.

Later in the day we were entirely surrounded by another bush fire, the flames making a circle that closed to within five yards of the convoy, while we stood helpless and half-scorching.

These were merely interludes in a gruelling ceaseless task from dawn to dusk, hacking down trees and cutting away rock with small picks.

Our average daily run, not stopping for food, was eight miles.

Respite From Bites

Ants were seen everywhere but to-night for the first time we had a respite from bites when we encamped in the middle of a patch of elephant grass eight feet high.

Yesterday, the water situation caused anxiety but while we were reconnoitring on foot for a crossing of a dried-up river bed, two copards bounded from the grass nearby, indicating water must be in the vicinity.—Reuter.

TERRORISM IN SOUTH ABYSSINIA

A campaign of terrorism is being conducted in southern Abyssinia, according to Abyssinian patriots who are coming to Kenya in increasing numbers for fresh supplies of rifles and ammunition.

These patriots say that Italian irregular troops, given a free hand by the Italians, have been murdering peasants and stealing stock.

Italian native levies are reported to take the view that as the Italians will probably be defeated they might as well collect booty while they have the chance.—Reuter.

WELSH GUARDS HERO OF BOULOGNE

After all his brother officers had been killed or wounded, Captain J. C. W. Lewis, Welsh Guards, held the remnants of his company for 36 hours in the streets of Boulogne last May, despite intense enemy fire, until he too was wounded.

He was later captured—he was believed killed—but managed to escape.

Capt. Lewis has now been awarded the D.S.O. for gallant and distinguished services in the field.—Reuter.

THREAT OF INVASION

The "Commercio de Porto" of Lisbon yesterday declared that the threat of an invasion is not greater to-day than six months ago.

While in the Mediterranean Egypt is a more vulnerable point in her Empire, England has attained a position of clear superiority.

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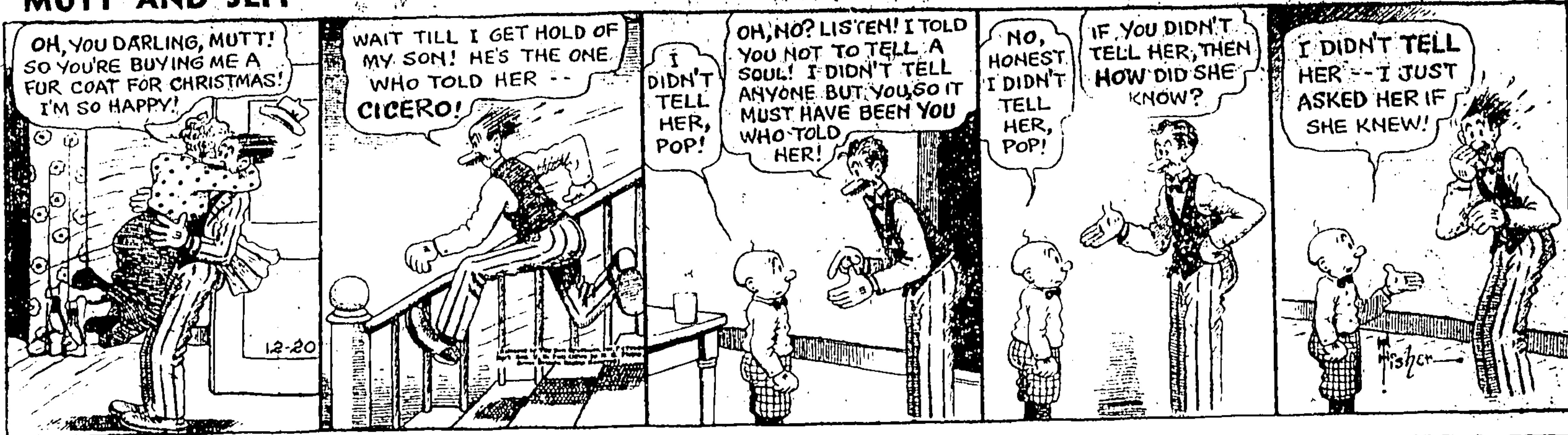
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TEPELINI DOOMED

Big fires in Tepelini indicate that the Italians are preparing to leave and are destroying their stores, stated Athens radio quoting a Greek Press Ministry statement issued last evening.

The radio statement declared that Greek action continues to meet with success on the Albanian front despite very bad weather in the past three days. In the coastal area beyond Chimara, determined attacks ended in the occupation of a high mountain pass which the Italians had transformed into a powerful stronghold.

At another point a surprise attack was launched on Monday morning, resulting in the capture of important positions, many prisoners and much booty. Italian Alpine troops among the prisoners declared that their commanders had ordered all who retreated to be shot immediately. —Reuter.

ITALIAN DESERTERS

Deserters from Italy's Abyssinian forced levies have testified to the destructiveness and accuracy of British artillery and air bombardment.

Artillery and sniping, they said, are destroying Italian morale. Indian batteries had shown a conspicuously high standard of training and their supply organisation proved extremely good. —Reuter.

TWO JAPANESE ARRESTED

The Japanese Consulate-General in Shanghai has issued a statement saying that two Japanese involved in the burning of a match shed on the Racecourse have been arrested and held for questioning. The statement stressed that strict punishment would be meted out to the culprits if they were found guilty after trial. —Reuter.

BROADCAST TO INDIAN TROOPS

It was learned in New Delhi yesterday that General Auchinleck, C-in-C, India, will broadcast to India and Indian troops in the Middle East at 2.55, (G.M.T.) on Feb. 9. —Reuter.

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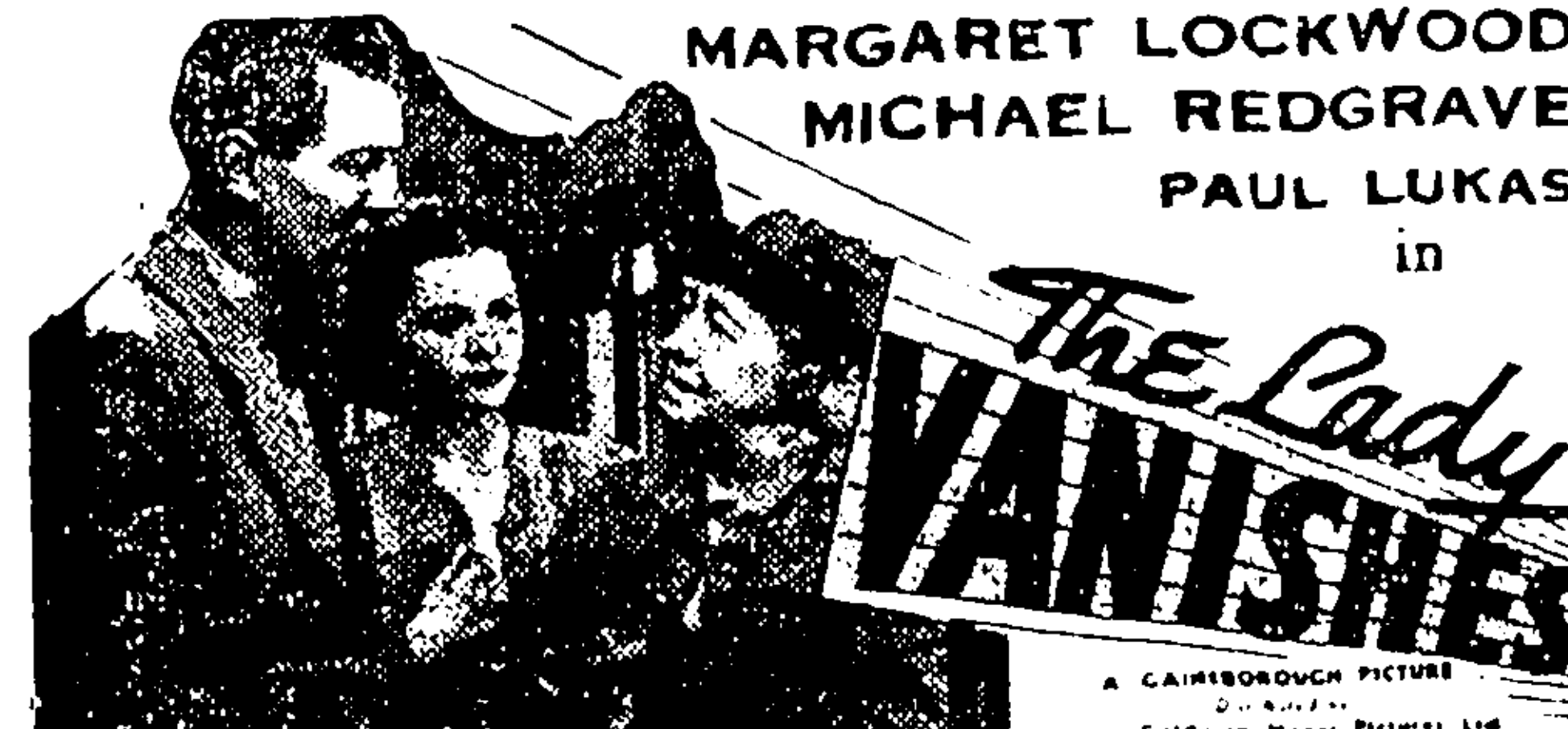
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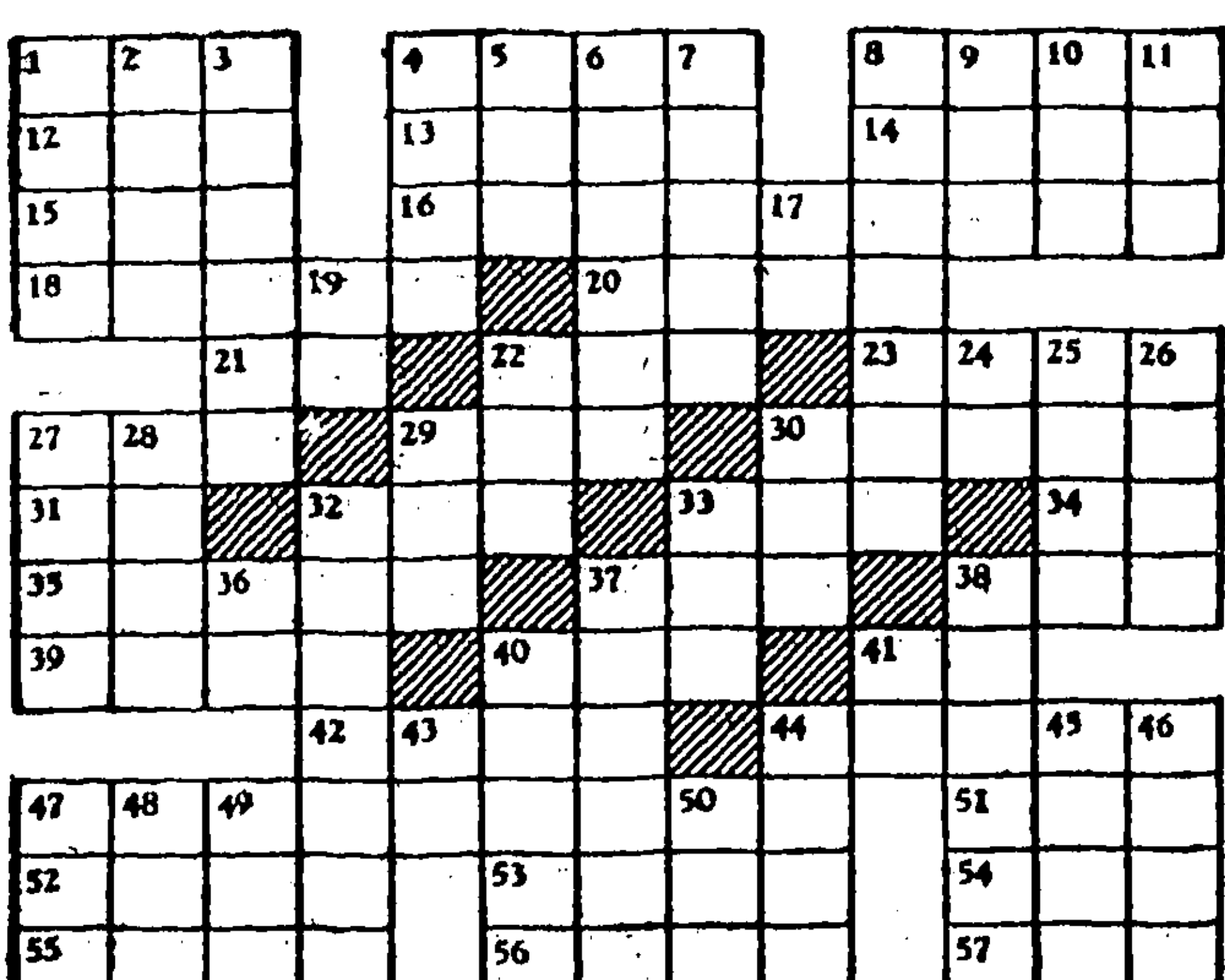
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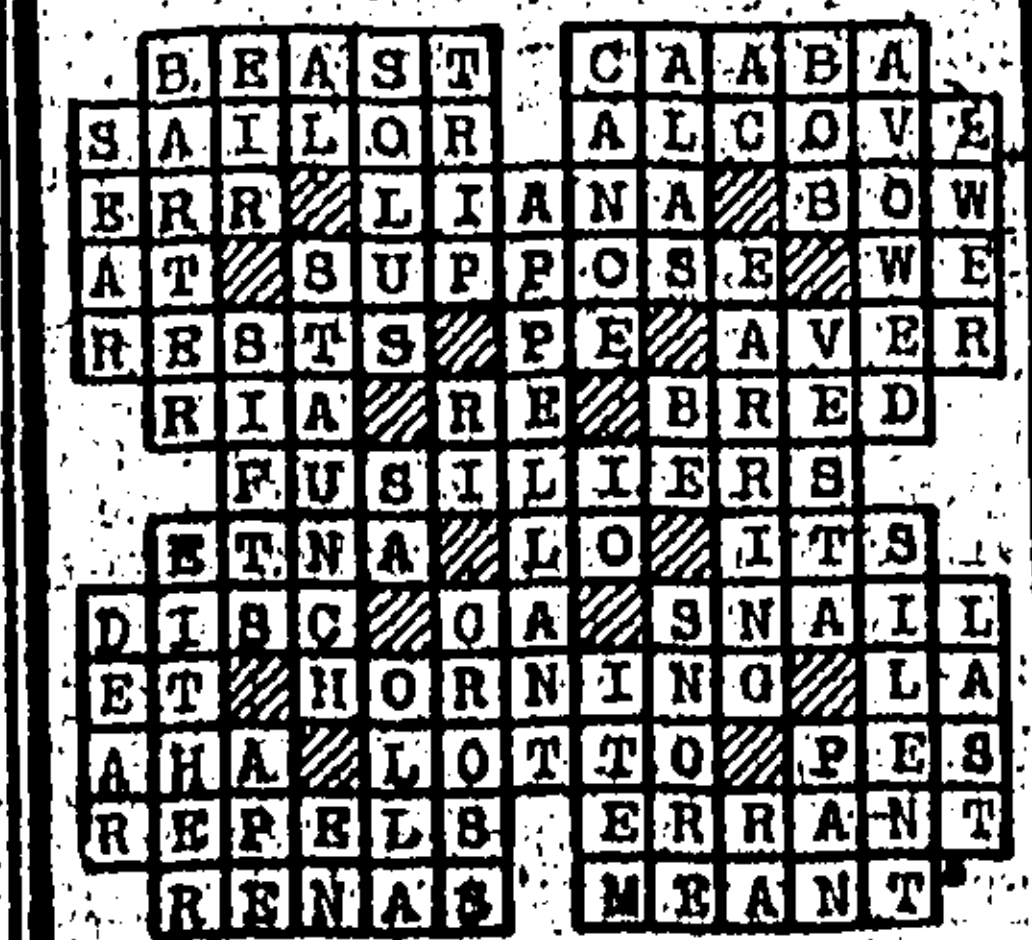
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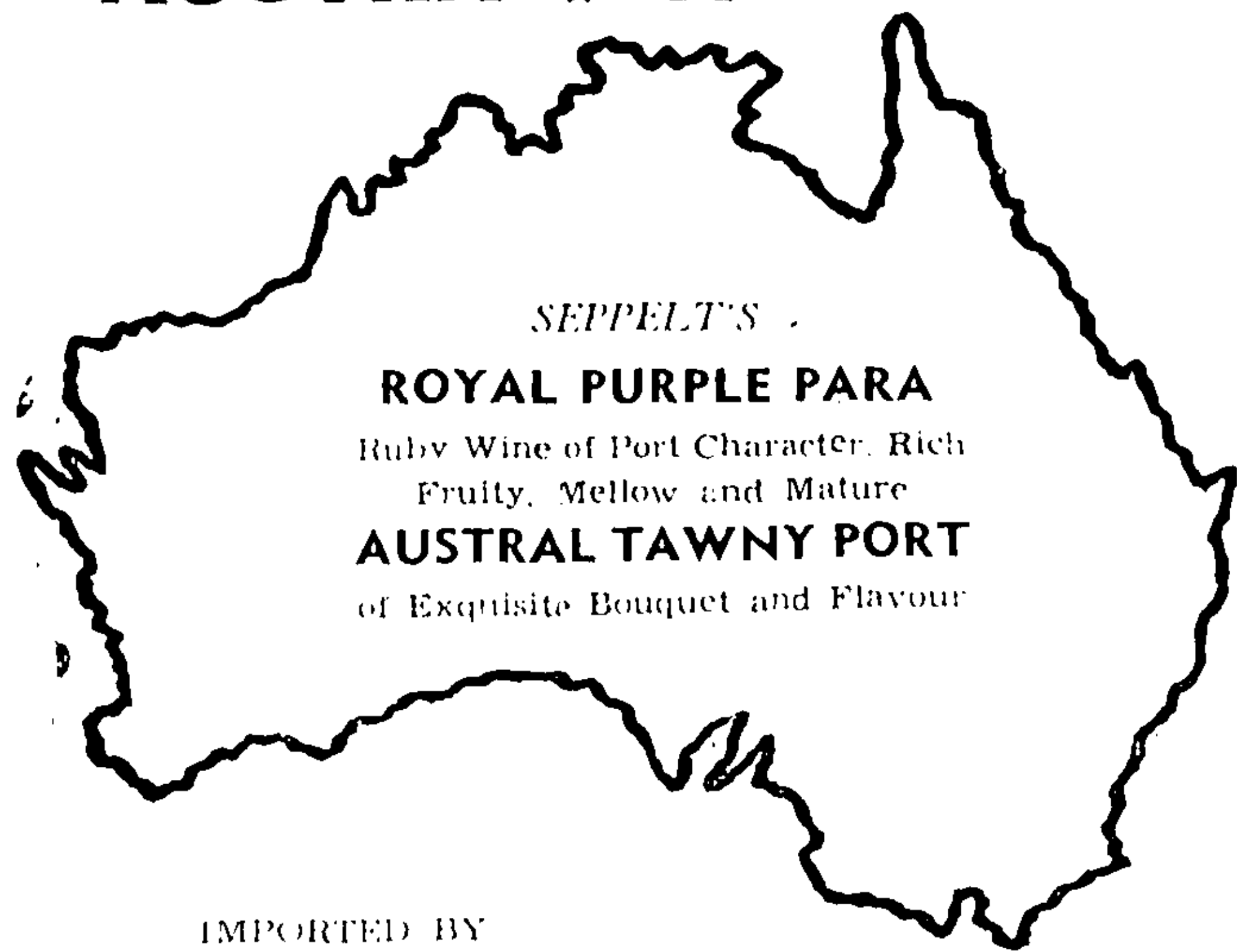
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FOLLOWING the landing of armed forces in Bias Bay yesterday morning, the Japanese are reported to be driving towards Tamshui from three directions — Au Tau, Hachung and Shumchun.

Prior to the landing, a large Japanese aircraft carrier steamed into Bias Bay and aircraft took to the air to support the landing.

BRITISH POLICY IN ABYSSINIA

Speaking in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said that the British Government was in favour of the creation of an independent Ethiopian State.

Mr. Eden re-affirmed that Britain had no territorial aspirations in Abyssinia and added that British forces would be withdrawn immediately military operations had finally ceased.

The statement was greeted by the House with loud cheers.

Mr. Eden told the Commons of an interview he had with the Emperor Haile Selassie during his trip through the Middle East last year.

He said that the Emperor had told him that outside assistance and guidance would be needed for the reinstatement of Ethiopia as an independent State and that the Emperor was given assurances of the British Government's fullest support.

VISAE FOR N.E.I.

NEW REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE ISSUE OF PASSPORT VISAE TO TRAVELLERS TO THE NETHERLANDS INDIES CAME INTO FORCE ON FEBRUARY 1, 1941.

Henceforth, nationals of all countries require passport visae for entry or transit.

All applications must be submitted to the Department of Immigration by the Netherland Consul concerned, and no visae will be given until authorisation of the department has been obtained.

Holders of labour-permits and transit passengers, however, can obtain visae at once, valid for seven days, full visae for one journey.

Possession of a passport visa does not guarantee admission to the Netherlands East Indies. It is merely one of the conditions for entry, which remains subject to the decision of the Immigration Authorities.

The Chancery fees to be levied are: for a full visa 6 guilders (at the present official rate of exchange, HK\$15.-), for a transit visa 69 guilder cents, HK\$1.50).

NEW DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Samuel Sung Young (Hsiung Chung-chih), Minister to Brazil, was relieved of his post by a decision of the Executive Yuan yesterday. Dr. Tan Shao-hun, Minister to Mexico, was transferred to succeed him while Mr. T. K. Ching (Chen Tien-ku) was appointed to succeed Mr. Tan as Minister to Mexico. — Central News.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that a ridge of moderately high pressure extends from South China across Japan. Pressure is relatively low over Thailand and Manchuria.

In Bias Bay, there are one cruiser and three destroyers besides the aircraft carrier.

Anticipating Japanese plans in the Bias Bay area, the small Chinese forces had withdrawn some time ago into the interior and yesterday when the invaders landed, under the protection of aircraft and big guns, there was little or no fighting at all, the only resistance encountered being from some troops left to harass the Japanese.

The number of troops landed is not known but is believed to total about 3,000.

These landed at Hachung and Au Tau, the two village ports where the Japanese first landed, in October, 1938, to capture Canton.

A force of about 1,500 troops struck out from the Shumchun area yesterday morning advancing towards Tamshui. These also were supported with aircraft flown from Canton to the recently completed landing field between Shumchun and Namtau.

Tamshui Occupied

Occupying Tamshui last night, Japanese forces which landed at Bias Bay yesterday morning turned southwards and drove to Sha-yu-chung, Miao Bay terminus of the Kowloon-Watchow Ferry Service, and entered the village port early this morning.

All ferries, scheduled to leave Hong Kong and the New Territories for Sha-yu-chung this morning, suspended departure.

Cloth to the value of \$880 was stolen from No. 280, Queen's Road Central yesterday.

SUBMARINE CREW DECORATED

Awards to officers and men of the submarine Thunderbolt (formerly Thetis) for courage, skill and seamanship were announced in the London "Gazette" last night and recall the recent destruction of an Italian submarine.

Lt. C. Crouch is given the D.S.O. and Lt. Stevens gets the D.S.C., while a number of the crew receive the D.S.M. or are mentioned in despatches.—Reuter.

OUR NEW WEAPON?

BRITAIN IS ORDERING IN U.S.A. A NOVEL WEAPON CALLED THE AERO-TANK IN EXPECTATION OF A CONTINENTAL OFFENSIVE NEXT YEAR, SAYS THE NEW YORK "DAILY MIRROR."

"Planes with a tank in their 'claws' will have a cruising range of a thousand miles, the newspaper declares.

When released from the planes, the tanks will be able to travel for 700 miles without refuelling. A speed of eighty miles an hour is claimed for the tanks.

FLUCTUATION IN HITLER'S SCHEMES

THE MILITARY correspondent of the Stockholm paper "Dagens Nyheter" declared yesterday there is no doubt fluctuations have occurred in the German schemes.

It is not improbable that an invasion attempt was planned to be made some time ago, but was abandoned. It is also a fact that attempts to defeat the British Isles by air have failed.

Furthermore, it is clear that the German object to expand over the Balkan countries has failed and there cannot be any doubt that it is the Soviet who, could not be persuaded to accept the plan, as the result of which Bulgaria, Turkey and Yugoslavia have adopted a stiffer attitude.

Turkey's military defences have been important. Now the German Suez plan has had to be abandoned, and so there is an increased probability of an invasion attempt.

Tremendous Difficulties

The Germans might succeed in stopping General Wavell's advance. They might even persuade Spain to enter the war, but if these unlikely things happen they could not decide the war.

Thus the Germans must attempt an invasion but there are great delays connected with the tremendous difficulties of such operations.—Reuter.

"ORDER OF THE BLUDGEON"

Whenever we hear of the New Order of Hitler, we realise it is not a new but the oldest order; that of the bludgeon, the strong arm and force, as against freedom.

Mr. R. B. Bennett, former Prime Minister of Canada, said that when he opened a War Weapons Week for Godstone rural district of Surrey.

"We are not in this struggle for material things," he added, "We want no territory. We seek no loot. We wage war for the intangibles of life, the things that have the real and abiding value: freedom to think and act."

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NAZI SCHEME IN MEDITERRANEAN

Behind Nazi pressure on Vichy lies the inference that events in the Mediterranean are compelling Hitler to seek ways and means of rescuing his Axis partner and accepting the danger, most disturbing to his mentality, of a war on two fronts.

There is a bare possibility that the German Chancellor hopes to use the French Fleet in co-operation with invasion schemes, but he cannot possibly envisage seriously the escape of hostile surface units out of the Mediterranean for this purpose, and the first theory of the German objective is much more likely to be the correct one.

Plainly, under existing circumstances, the only way Germany can effectively help the Italian Army in Libya is to send reinforcements across the Mediterranean.

To do this she has the choice of three routes — (1) Across Spain, then across the Straits of Gibraltar to North Africa (2) Direct to the North African coast from Marseilles; (3) Across the narrowest part of the Mediterranean via Italy.

Considering the great distance via Spain, the uncertain conditions in that country, its bad economic state, food shortage, the approach of hard winter weather there and the fact that Gibraltar is strongly held by the British, the Spanish route seems exceedingly dangerous and impossibly slow.

The passage via Italy is probably unwelcome to Mussolini who knows that popular dislike of German domination is one of the chief dangers to his regime and who fears that the virtual invasion of his country by a German army might provoke an upheaval.

The direct sea passage from France therefore offers the least political obstacles, but it means that Hitler must once more face the problem of crossing the sea despite British naval supremacy.

This problem could however be solved locally if the naval balance of power in the Mediterranean could be upset by the use of the French Navy. It is not surprising therefore, that German pressure on France to hand over the navy and to allow the Germans to use the Mediterranean port has been redoubled

Some news is trickling out of the continent of Europe about the little people — the common folk now living in varying degrees of captivity but in many cases practicing passive resistance and preparing for future struggles for freedom. Here is an interim survey of a large part of the field:

FRANCE—Fully 90 per cent of the people sympathetic with Britain, this figure based on careful surveys taken on behalf of Marshal Petain in selected provinces. Small quantities of military equipment stored in secret in preparation for possible uprising. Tremendous disorganisation. Much practical espionage on behalf of the British, perhaps even parachute landing of pro-British saboteurs. Great sympathy with de Gaulle even in Vichy circles. Steady and sensational comings and goings among the common people of persons actively working against the Nazis.

BELGIUM—Little information available, but much the same picture as in France. Greater degree of German control since entire area occupied. Little chance of Germans organising effective production. Extremely grave food shortages. Capable espionage furnishing British with information concerning invasion plans.

NETHERLANDS—Widespread support of Wilhelmina's London government. Dutch Nazi movement made little progress since initial effectiveness in treachery. Population holding itself in taciturn check, determined to regain freedom when opportunity comes but careful not to make attempt prematurely. Lean days ahead. Production extremely hampered by lack of imported raw materials, hence not very valuable to Nazis. Espionage facilitated through Dutchmen who escaped to Britain and keep in touch with home country. Control of such spying virtually impossible.

DENMARK—Utilising technique of Slesvig Danes whose province was recently occupied by Germany for fifty-six years. Vast patriotic outpourings proving impossible for Nazis to control. Such few pro-Nazi Danes as existed before invasion now are overwhelmed by new patriotism which supports Britain. Lectures, books, adult schools, song-fests (all-sing) are used to arouse patriotism as after defeat of 1864. Again, Nordic phlegm is Germany's most baffling obstacle, and cloaks good information service for Britain.

NORWAY—Utter disillusionment of this peace-loving people has now led to grim determination to regain freedom. In sparsely populated, mountainous country control by Nazis is only skeletonised. Government in exile functioning efficiently and as time goes on is likely to perfect methods of passive resistance and preparation for regaining freedom. When break-up comes, Norway likely to turn on its captors with fierceness unsurpassed by other imprisoned peoples. Many brave and resourceful Norwegians are available for getting out information about Nazi preparations and weaknesses.

AUSTRIA—Basis for uprising even here said to have been laid. While Austria has many loyal Nazis, information reaches America of a surprising range of disaffection capable of giving regime real trouble later on and assisting in active or passive sabotage now.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA—Most skillfully prepared of any area, with concealed arms, centuries-old technique of resistance, and remains of World-War espionage system which now is probably extended to or beyond its former efficacy. As in many other captive states, its London headquarters is real capital of country and in close touch with homeland. People doggedly determined to live through storm and restore their brief-won independence.

POLAND—Like the Czechs, the Poles are skilled in passive resistance of conquerors. But have been most severely battered by war and punished by political police. Only information available suggests they exist in numbed misery which would give way to bloody revolt whenever opportunity came.

ITALY—Nearly twenty years of Fascist rule and absence of feasible alternative government are great handicaps to overturn. Yet, unpopularity of war hampers the nation's productive effort, and

since German support for Italy in Africa became an urgent necessity.

serious shortages plus military defeats have reduced morale further. If Fascism were younger, if recognised rivals to Mussolini existed, then some overturn would be likelier. German occupation

By
Erwin D. Canham

seems not impossible if military situation got greatly worse and domestic rumblings started. Then

Italy would be more like other captive states, and Fascist leaders might strive to regain their independence.

From this very general survey, it is evident that the Nazi sway on the continent is threatened by the same kind of nationalist revolt which helped end Napoleon's empire. Yet the decisive factor will plainly be Britain's military efforts, supported by United States' supplies. If Hitler is stopped militarily, even in a deadlock, the crumbings from within would take on earthquake proportions. They are, potentially, the "counter-offensive."



"WHICH OF YOU IS TO BLAME?"

Totalitarian Ruin

Twenty-nine years after Hiram Bingham discovered Machu Picchu, I also discovered it as one of the supreme travel finds of a decade and more of personal wanderings. If my discovery did not shake the archaeological world I think it thrilled me almost as much as Mr. Bingham's find could have thrilled him. And perhaps I was even more surprised.

Mr. Bingham, delving into the mysteries of Inca civilisation in Peru, was tipped off by a Quechua Indian in 1911 that there were some extensive ruins high on an Andean saddle above a horse-shoe gorge of the River Vilcanota, a location very similar, but on a far grander scale, to that of Godfrey's castle above the Belgian village of Bouillon. The ruins were so hard to reach and so strangled by vegetation (for the tropical region of eastern Peru begins hereabouts) that even the greedy Spanish colonials, loving ruins for the treasure they presumably hid, had never found them. Modern Peru likewise completely overlooked them. Not even rumours of Machu Picchu had reached Cuzco, though this Inca capital, turned Peruvian, lies only eighty miles away from the hidden city. It was left for a gringo to climb to that lofty saddle and see the jungle-throttled outline of what was to prove one of the most sensational finds ever made anywhere.

Coming again the next year at the head of the National Geographic Society-Yale University Expedition Mr. Bingham, aided by the Peruvian government, drove away the jungle and bared this mystery city, which is so mysterious, in fact, that historical science still can only guess at its purpose in such a weird location.

This present gringo visited Machu Picchu at the end of 1940 and was surprised, amazed, thunderstruck that the tourist world,

the almost-beaten track, can harbour such an eighth wonder in a location that is itself as wonderful as anything—and I really mean anything—in Switzerland or Norway, a marvel that can be reached without hardship.

A group of us, Norteamericanos and Peruvians, hired an autocarril, which is a gasoline buggy that rides on steel rails, and set

By Sydney A. Clark

out from Cuzco at crack of dawn by the Santa Ana Railway, Latin counterpart of the Toonerville System. By switchbacks it climbed high above Cuzco, then crossed a great table land to enter the canyon of the Vilcanota, which is a remote tributary of the Amazon.

Our guide entertained us with genial patter about the Incas and the "Spaniels" (sic) and Meester Boon-gum until three and a half hours had slid through the glass and we were at Machu Picchu station. A carro of strange design carried us two miles along a riverside road to a bridge across the river and here began a long step mule-back climb. It was hard on the animals, easy on their riders, and after ninety minutes we found ourselves at the entrance of the city that Hiram Bingham stole from the jungle.

If you picture some sort of magnificent archway you will be as wrong as possible for we had to clamber, Indian file, up the side of an Inca wall from which stones protruded at regular intervals for steps. Continuing through a narrow passage we came upon a little platform of grass below which lay the entire city of stone. It is steeply terraced on both sides up to the saddle. Temples and sanctuaries are numerous, each built with that amazing masonry in which the Incas excelled, huge stone blocks

Political Crisis Likely In Italy

The "News Chronicle" Lisbon correspondent writes:—

The Greek and British triumphs are forcing a major political crisis in Italy which may develop dramatically any day. That is the impression given by the Italians here. Reliable informants say that all Northern Italy, which should always be distinguished from Rome and the South in estimating political tendencies, is sick of the war and is convinced that Mussolini has made a fatal blunder for which Italy will pay dearly unless there is a sweeping change of policy.

Tension between the army and the Fascist Party has now almost reached breaking point with Badoglio, a "King's man" and a popular figure in disgrace through no fault of his own.

An article by Farinacci blaming the army leaders and staff for the reverses in Albania shows how far things have gone. Farinacci is a wild man but his irritation is understandable since the army staff in Albania failed to make any serious preparations for a real campaign.

This, however, was the fault not of Badoglio but of Ciano who regarded the Greek campaign as his particular hobby and would not give the General staff time for adequate preparations and rushed the whole thing through to get a jump ahead of Hitler's "New Order" campaign.

Until the British attacked in Libya, Mussolini, though suffering a grave loss of prestige, could still hope for salvation from German diplomatic intervention to obtain a truce with Greece. The disaster in Libya, however, faces Il Duce with a new military problem which may prove insoluble without direct Nazi help.

An open revolt in Italy may be used as the German pretext to cross the frontier and take charge.

If the recent unrest in Northern Italy (which is undoubtedly serious despite Fascist denials) comes to a head, Italy may be split into two camps, the army dominating in the North and the Fascists elsewhere.

The question will then be whether the Northern Italians, who will want to defend their national independence, can hold Brenner long enough to receive outside support.

I heard some time ago from a good source that Brenner is fortified defensively on the Italian side.

being fashioned and fitted together without mortar so perfectly that nowhere can a knife blade be inserted between the stones.

The mystery of Machu Picchu grows with each successive authority who writes of it.

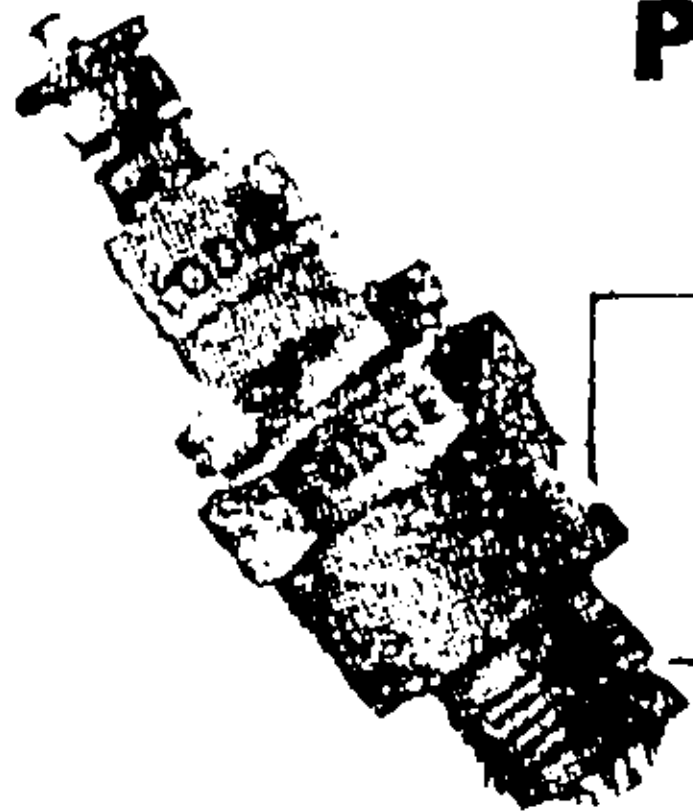
One thing, however, is certain. Machu Picchu is a totalitarian ruin. The Inca State was a totalitarian State so absolute that modern creations of similar order are nursery play by comparison. The Inca himself was a dictator so "total" that Hitler and Mussolini, seen in proper perspective, are but petty martinetes. He was judge, emperor, god. He owned every subject and every article produced in his vast empire. He prescribed, through deputies, every detail of life and action, for every individual. Freedom was not merely crushed. It was an idea utterly unknown.

But Machu Picchu is a ruin, barely to be held, by constant effort, from the fangs of the jungle. I find present-day comfort in this thought. Much as I admire the Incas in many ways, their system obviously was false to the eternal human values.

Let other dictators, in the still watches of the night, ponder on the story of Machu Picchu!

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IMPERIAL FORCES WITHIN 130 MILES OF BENGHAZI

THE OCCUPATION OF CYRENE, FIFTY MILES WEST OF DERNA, BY FORWARD ELEMENTS OF THE BRITISH FORCES ON MONDAY WAS ANNOUNCED IN LAST NIGHT'S COMMUNIQUE IN CAIRO DEALING WITH THE LIBYA FRONT.

Of Eritrean activities the communique says the Italian retirement from Agordat continues and our troops are nearing Keren.

"From Barentu our troops are pursuing the enemy in a southerly direction. An accurate count of prisoners has not yet been taken but the number is considerable."

Referring to Abyssinia the communique continues: "East of Gallabat our advance continues on the Metemma-Gondar road."

"The capture of two frontier posts on the Dukana front, referred to in the previous day's communique, resulted in the infliction of nearly 100 casualties in killed and captured at slight cost to ourselves."

"One additional post in the neighbourhood has been captured. Extensive patrol activity continues in Italian Somaliland, the communique concludes.—Reuter."

Expert Opinion

In the course of a sketch of East African operations, which have culminated in a general falling back of the Italian forces, a military expert yesterday stated that the little town of Gallabat, just inside the Abyssinian frontier, which has 200 inhabitants and is mainly composed of mud with a fort also of mud, has been the scene through many weeks of a kind of military shuttlecock between the Italian and British forces, changing hands no fewer than six times.

He described the tactics by which the Italians had been forced to retire by an entirely successful process of "nibbling," although superior in numbers, gradually bringing about his demoralisation and forcing him to abandon his two main objectives, firstly an invasion of the Sudan, and secondly the closing of the Italian frontier against British troops to prevent communication with Abyssinia's patriots.

The situation has changed altogether during the past month.

"We are everywhere shepherding back the demoralised army," said the commentator, "and though we cannot reasonably expect an immediate Italian collapse we can look forward with confidence to the successful outcome of the campaign."—British Wireless.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S EMISSARY

A cable received by the American Consul-General in Hong Kong, Mr. A. E. Southard, from Mr. L. L. Currie, Administrative Assistant to President Roosevelt, who is arriving in Hong Kong today on his way to Chungking to see Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, states that Mr. Currie has requested that no official functions be arranged locally as his business is solely with Chungking Government officials.

It is understood that Mr. Currie will leave Hong Kong promptly, and that his stay in Chungking will be short as he is due back in Washington by March 1.

Mr. Emile Despres, an official of the Federal Reserve Bank, who is accompanying Mr. Currie on his trip, is acting, it is understood, in the capacity of adviser.

SPRINGBOK 60-MILE ADVANCE

British and Imperial troops advancing from Kenya have penetrated 60 miles into Mussolini's East African Empire.

A communique issued in Nairobi yesterday stated British advance patrols are making good progress on all sections of the front and a number of prisoners have been captured with guns and ammunition.

British casualties were very slight.

At some places advanced patrols are well established 60 miles inside enemy territory.

In this patrol activity, African troops are showing themselves more than a match for the enemy.

Much of this activity is taking place over trackless country, with its inherent climatic and geographical difficulties.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN

MR. GEOFFREY MANDER (LIBERAL) ASKED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY IF GOVERNMENT WOULD GIVE AN ASSURANCE THAT THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MINISTER'S BROADCAST ON JAN. 12 AT SINGAPORE, STATING THAT AUSTRALIA HAD NO QUARREL WITH JAPAN, IMPLIED NO CHANGE IN IMPERIAL POLICY INTO RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT FOR CHINA IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST JAPANESE IMPERIALISM, THE UNDER-SECRETARY FOR THE DOMINIONS, MR. SHAKESPEARE, REPLIED "YES, SIR."

Mr. Robert Morgan (Cons) asked whether the Government in Australia were kept fully informed of the dissatisfaction felt in Britain with Japanese policy in relation to the Axis, with the object of avoiding public official statements which may conflict with such a viewpoint.

Mr. Shakespeare recalled it was the practice of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to communicate concern and added there was no divergence between the two governments' as regards this matter.—Reuter.

C.B. FOR MARINE OFFICER

On the recommendation of General Wavell, Acting Brigadier A. R. Chater, Royal Marines, has been appointed a Companion of the Order of the Bath in recognition of his distinguished services in defending British Somaliland.—Reuter.

FLOODS AND ICY BLASTS IN EUROPE

Following reports of flooding and wintry weather in Hungary comes an account of heavy snow-falls in France and floods caused by the overflowing of the Tiber in Italy.

Traffic has been dislocated by snow in the Paris district and telegraph and telephone lines are down in the southern suburbs, while railway travellers are held up owing to serious damage to the tracks, motor traffic also being virtually at standstill.

In the Auvergne region snow fell for 48 hours.

The new cold wave is causing anxiety to townsfolk owing to the growing difficulties of transporting foodstuffs, while country people are anxious at the loss of hours of work.

Rome Floods

Over 1,200 acres were inundated in the Rome area when the Tiber flooded near the Caleria Bridge following torrential rain.

No victims are reported so far but inhabitants trapped in two houses had to be rescued by firemen.

The civil engineering services have taken measures to deal with the flood and maintain railway communications.—Reuter.

JAPANESE DEBACLE IN HONAN

Chinese strategy has turned the Japanese offensive in south Honan into a debacle.

Japanese casualties amount to 20,000 approximately and large quantities of Japanese arms and ammunition have been captured, Chinese military advisers claim.

The Chinese success is understood to be the greatest since the turn of the year.

The Japanese force of about 100,000 men is reported to have been drawn into a Chinese encirclement and subjected to a counter-offensive in accordance with a pre-arranged scheme.

Wuyang, Siping, Shangtsai, Paowai, (south of Yehhsien), Tushuchen (north of Fangcheng) and other points which the Chinese abandoned in order to entice the Japanese to penetrate deeper have been successfully recaptured by the Chinese.

The Japanese are retreating southward with the Chinese in hot pursuit.—Central News.

GAMBLING RAID

A "Tse Fa" gambling den in Ngatsinwei Village, Kowloon City, was raided by the police under Detective-Sergeant C. Dwyman last night, resulting in the arrest of three keepers and the seizure of 26 books of lottery tickets.

The three keepers, Ip Tsang, 28, To Man-kuang, 18, and Tsui 17, were each fined \$75, or two months' hard labour, by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning.

MARINE COURT

At the Marine Court this morning Lai Kau, master of an unlicensed sampan, was fined \$5 or seven days' imprisonment, by Coram. J. Jolly, Harbour Master, for loitering within 100 yards of the North Wall of the Royal Naval Dockyard.

Successful Claim By Solicitors

JUDGMENT WITH costs was given to Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master in an action before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court this morning when they appeared as plaintiffs against Mr. Dennis Victor, of the Lido Dancing Academy.

The claim was for \$1,055 being solicitors' fees for work done and attendances performed for defendant by plaintiffs as his solicitors in respect of an O. J. action in 1933 and for money paid by plaintiffs as such solicitors, at defendant's request, in respect of the said action.

Mr. H. C. MacNamara appeared for the plaintiffs while defendant conducted his own defence, which was that Mr. B. D. Evans, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master had agreed verbally, at the time, to conduct the case without any charge after Counsel's fees and out of pocket expenses had been paid.

Mr. G. G. N. Tinson said that he took instructions in connection with the action and later handed over the case to Mr. Evans.

In answer to Mr. Victor, witness denied having seen defendant only once, when he sent him to Mr. Evans. He had the case from October, 1933, to June, 1934, and the corrections in the draft defence were in his own handwriting in December, 1933, and he must have seen defendant on several occasions.

Mr. B. D. Evans said that in June, 1934, he took over the case. He saw defendant and told him the action had been set for trial and that it was necessary to brief counsel. Witness knew Victor was extremely hard up then and stressed the importance of raising Counsel's fees. It was a difficult case. He later saw defendant

again and told him that Mr. Leo D'Almada had agreed to take his case for \$250. Defendant managed to raise \$200 and he, witness, asked Mr. d'Almada to accept this amount on account.

Several Letters

The allegation of the agreement in the defence was untrue. Having raised the \$200, defendant told witness he was not able to raise any more money. Having taken the action so far, witness could not let defendant go undefended and he agreed to continue and on the understanding that costs would be paid at a later date in small instalments, if defendant wanted.

Continuing, Mr. Evans said that several letters were written to defendant. He recalled an occasion when defendant visited his office with about \$200, put the money on the table and asked witness to accept that as all he could do. Witness refused the amount in settlement and defendant, for the first time, raised the suggestion of the agreement he now alleged.

Mr. Evans said he denied entirely the suggestion and the money was not accepted.

Mr. Evans later went on leave and nothing was done till March 1939, when the matter was started again when defendant appeared in court.

"Not Worth Suing"

In reply to Mr. MacNamara, witness said that, as a matter of office routine, there would have been some reference in the office if such an agreement had been made, and even then he could not have agreed to it unless he had consulted either Mr. Tinson or Mr. Lewis of his office.

In reply to Mr. Victor, witness denied that he said that if he lost the case he would not charge defendant. Mr. Victor pointed out that six years had passed and nothing had happened. He asked why he was not sued before.

Mr. Evans said that he did not think defendant was worth suing.

On his own behalf, Mr. Victor, in the witness box insisted that Mr. Evans had made an agreement verbally with him. Cross examined by Mr. MacNamara, he said he came into money after the action in 1933. He did not pay plaintiffs as he did not owe them anything. He paid his counsel for that case last year when Mr. d'Almada would not go to court unless the balance of his fees were paid.

He did not know what counsel's fees were as Mr. Evans made all the arrangements.

He did not know that the cost of a S. J. action in 1934 had been written off by plaintiffs as a bad debt because he had not paid up.

Ex-Employee's Evidence

Leung Hing-sun, formerly employed by defendant, said that he lent defendant \$200 seven years ago. He went with defendant to plaintiffs' office and there saw Mr. Evans. During the conversation, Mr. Evans said to defendant: "Let me fight this case for you; I am sure of winning. If I lose, I do not want a cent."

Mr. Evans had said that the \$200 was for counsel's fees.

In answer of Mr. MacNamara, witness said he had not been to plaintiffs' office since then, till last year. He had a good memory as he had advanced the money and if defendant had won the case he would have benefitted.

Giving judgment, the Chief Justice said defendant had failed to satisfy him that such a verbal agreement existed. Mr. Evans had had no business to bind his firm and there was nothing on file to prove such an agreement.

ITALIAN PRISONERS ESCAPE

Two Italian prisoners, of war escaped from detention camp at Ramgarh, near Calcutta, yesterday. Both were officers. — Reuter.

H.M. CONSULATE BOMBED

A BOMB EXPLODED IN A READING ROOM ONE FLOOR BELOW THE BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL IN ZAGREB (YUGOSLAVIA) YESTERDAY.

A WOMAN IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY INJURED BY THE BOMB, WHICH IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN THROWN THROUGH A WINDOW. BOOKS AND FURNITURE WERE DESTROYED. — REUTER.

FACT-FINDING MISSION

Mr. Laughlin Currie, President Roosevelt's personal envoy, who is on a fact-finding economic mission to Chungking, left Manila for Hong Kong this morning in the Clipper.

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Sir:—May I through the medium of your esteemed paper appeal to its many readers to give a cause, which I am sure is worthy, their consideration.

I refer to the Society for the Protection of Children. As many of your readers will recollect, Sir Atholl MacGregor, the Chief Justice of Hong Kong, made a very stirring speech over the radio sometime ago asking the public to donate generously to this Society which I understand is sorely in need of fund to the extent of approximately \$28,000.00 to enable it to carry on for the current year.

I venture therefore to suggest a method whereby this sum, or part of it, could possibly be raised towards helping a most deserving cause.

There are in Hong Kong approximately 15,000 subscribers to the Hong Kong Telephone Company and, on each deposit made by these subscribers, a certain amount of interest is payable by the Company annually. If these subscribers or a large portion of them would only waive their interest which could not be possibly more than 2 or 3 per cent and donate same to the Society, I do not see why a substantial sum should not be raised.

Although I am fully aware that in Hong Kong there are other Societies worthy of consideration yet, nevertheless, I earnestly hope that your many readers will give my suggestion their due support.

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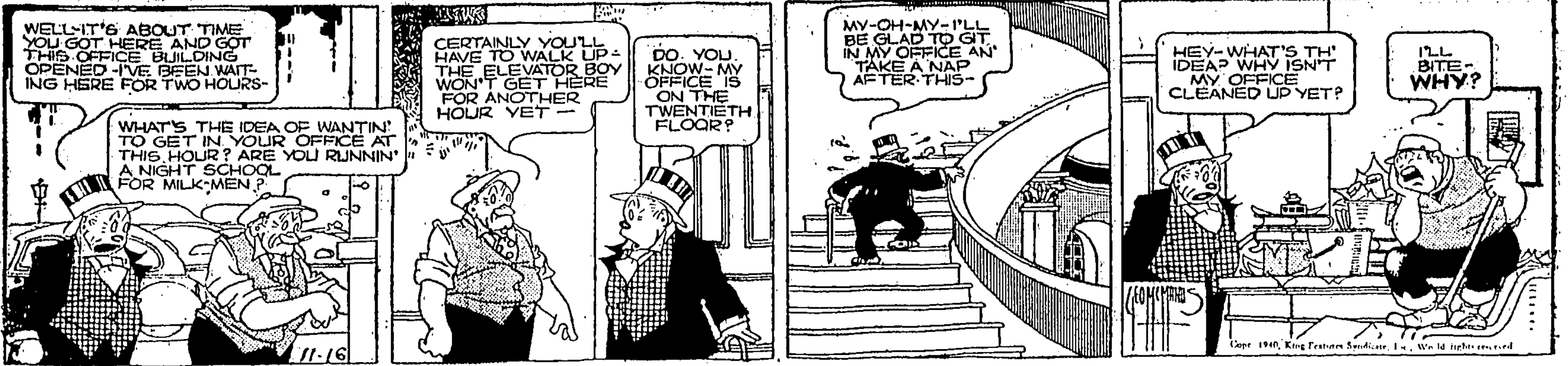
SNATCH-AND-RUN THIEF

Charged with stealing 27 bundles of joss sticks from a shop in Reclamation Street last night, Cheng Hon, 17, was placed on a \$10 bond to be of good behaviour for one year by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning.

Eighteen cases (one imported) of tuberculosis, six of dysentery, five of measles, two of typhoid and two each of diphtheria and chicken-pox, were notified to the Health Authorities yesterday.

Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Strengthen Midriff And Spine

There is no time like to-day for taking your figure problem seriously and to begin a streamlining programme. Come spring and you will be a beauty!

In consulting with Miss Catherine Van Rensselaer, who is the able director of the Contour Corner of the American Woman's Association, I offer you the first of a series of exercises for the correction of the most common figure flaws. These are as you might guess: too heavy hips and thighs, flabby or prominent abdomen, a dowager's hump and a stiff spine which causes poor posture and health.

"Every figure can be improved," claims Miss Van Rensselaer, "by exercises which strengthen the spine and abdomen. It is my opinion that such exercises should be practiced daily even though a woman may be concentrating on refashioning specific parts of her body."

The following three exercises should be practiced daily until the next of the series appear. If you have not been exercising let me caution you to go easily at first until you lumber your body. Study the directions with care, try the exercises slowly at first and then once you catch the knack and the rhythm, do each five or six times at first. Gradually increase the number of times until you are doing them as often as is directed at the end of each movement. Remember that exercise is essential but it should not be overdone any more than sun-bathing should be! Take to it gradually.



Dressed in easy clothes this young beauty is practicing the splendid Alternative Toe Touch Exercise in the gymnasium of the American Woman's Association, under expert direction.

Begin To-day To Practice These

ALTERNATE TOE TOUCH WITH FORWARD BEND: Sit with legs apart, arms extended outward

at shoulder level. Bend forward and touch both hands to left foot, twisting trunk at same time. Resume original position, rest, then touch both hands to right foot.

Five times to each side and repeat.

ALTERNATE LEG PLACING BACKWARD WITH HOP: Squat, sitting on heels, hands in front of you on floor, between your knees. Extend right leg straight back and with a hop replace right leg and extend left leg. In fairly fast rhythm, 15 to 20 times. Rest and repeat.

SEMI-SOMERSAULT: Lie on back, arms overhead. Sit up and touch the toes, then lie back at the same time swinging legs forward and upward until toes touch floor behind your head. Lower legs to floor and repeat in easy rhythm 10 to 15 times.

Fabrics Suited To The Screen Also Suited To Us

THAT bromide about all trades having tricks was never truer than when applied to designers in studio wardrobe departments. For they must know not only the most becoming materials for their stars, but how to select them for wearability.

Never doubt that, despite all the extravagant splendour employed by motion picture executives to doll up the darlings of the screen, these businessmen are nevertheless economy minded. For they are—and very much so!

The lavish frocks worn first by Merle Oberon or Olivia de Havilland will appear again a few months later on featured players, only to be worn time and time again, after that, by extra girls. This is not news. But—believing that those materials which prove most serviceable in a picture company's wardrobe department will, by this same token, prove the best buys for those of you who cannot replace your wardrobes each season, we dropped into Warner Brothers' wardrobe department, recently, to pick up helpful news of fabric value.

Taffeta Their Bugaboo

Of course, some materials, taffeta for example, which are suited to use by everyday folks, draw down the wrath of Hollywood designers and wardrobe departments for other reasons than fragility. Taffeta is the big bugaboo of all screen designers because, according to Orry Kelly, Warner

Brothers' stylist, while it photographs more beautifully than any other material due to its high sheen, it brings down the wrath of the sound man because of its noisy swish.

Wools are perhaps the favourite of all materials in picture studio wardrobe departments. This is Orry Kelly's pet material. But here the designer and the extra girl's wardrobe department are in complete accord—because wool cleans and cleans but looks forever new.

Chiffon has the shortest screen life of any material, because it goes limp after one cleaning. A little gray chiffon with silver leather trim, worn by Olivia in a picture now among the archives, breathed only once again on a lesser known player, and then passed on to the Salvation Army. Silver or gold cloth is very impractical. The magnificent metallic gowns worn in "The Sea Hawk" are already showing signs of turning green. But the tapestry gowns and those of heavy, lustrous satin are as rich and gleaming after their final cleaning, before being temporarily shelved, as they were the first day Brenda Marshall donned them.

On The Extravagant List

Beaded gowns are strictly on the studio's "extravagance" list, yet they are so lovely that a star adores having one. They flatter her eyes and hair, the little beads catching the lights of the sets; and

the gowns become ultra glamorous material for the cameraman. But a very rich gown heavy with beads elicits songs of woe from the wardrobe mistress. It must be handled with velvet gloves, caressed, treated tenderly by the cleaning man and laid carefully away lest the delicate threads break and the beads actually drip.

On the other side of the practical fabric fence is Ann Sheridan's white linen suit worn every day for twelve weeks and still as good as new. This was one of the two costume changes she used in "Torrid Zone," and this one little suit went through numerous trials and tribulations, as you know if you've seen the picture. Each night it was cleaned; and each morning it looked so new that it had to be rumpled up to make the scenes plausible.

Suede is popular, both with Mr. Kelly and his assistants, because of its high style, its wearability, and its cleanability.

But what about that taffeta frock that annoyed the sound man with its regal and reminiscent swish? Stars will wear taffeta! So, during the filming of "All This and Heaven Too," it was fortunately discovered that Bette Davis' quaint little taffeta costumes could be made as noiseless as a moccasin by the wearing of a cheesecloth petticoat between the frock and her ruffled starched petticoats. No longer will taffeta be barred from studio sets!

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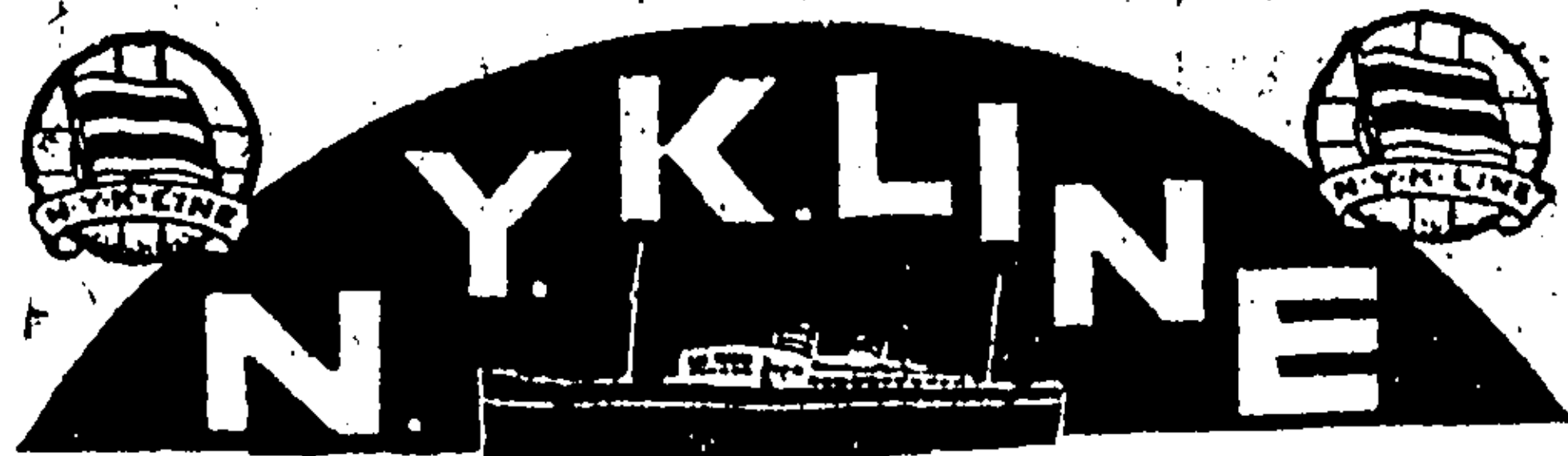
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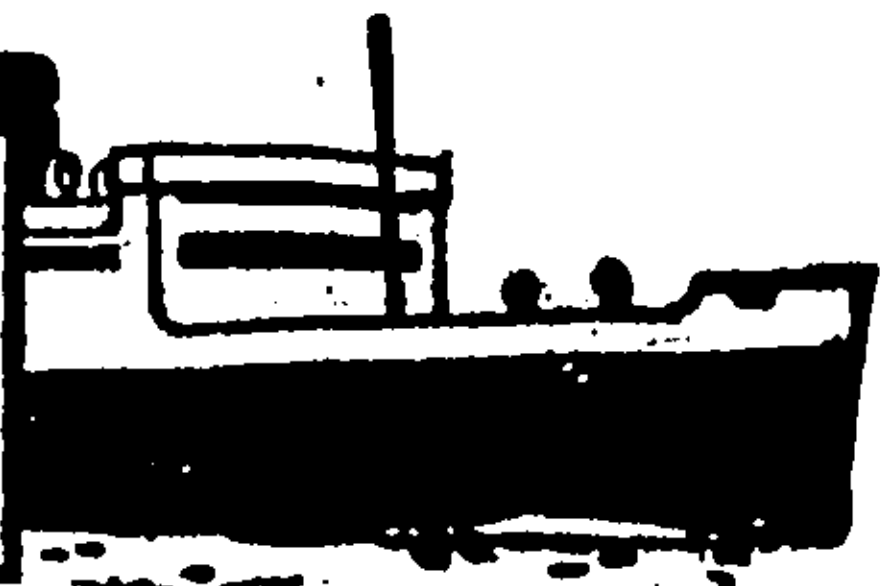
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1.03 p.m.—Dance Music by Bob Crosby and His Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.32 p.m.—A French Programme.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—Studio—Talk on Ballet illustrated by gramophone records.

8.03 p.m.—Latest Dance Music and Variety.

8.30 p.m.—Studio—"Makers of Medicine" No. 1: "Diseases and Some Doctors who Fought Them". Talk by Father G. Byrne, S.J.

8.50 p.m.—Anton and the Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Bollington at the Organ.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Democracy Marches".

9.45 p.m.—Vaughan-Williams—Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis. The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.

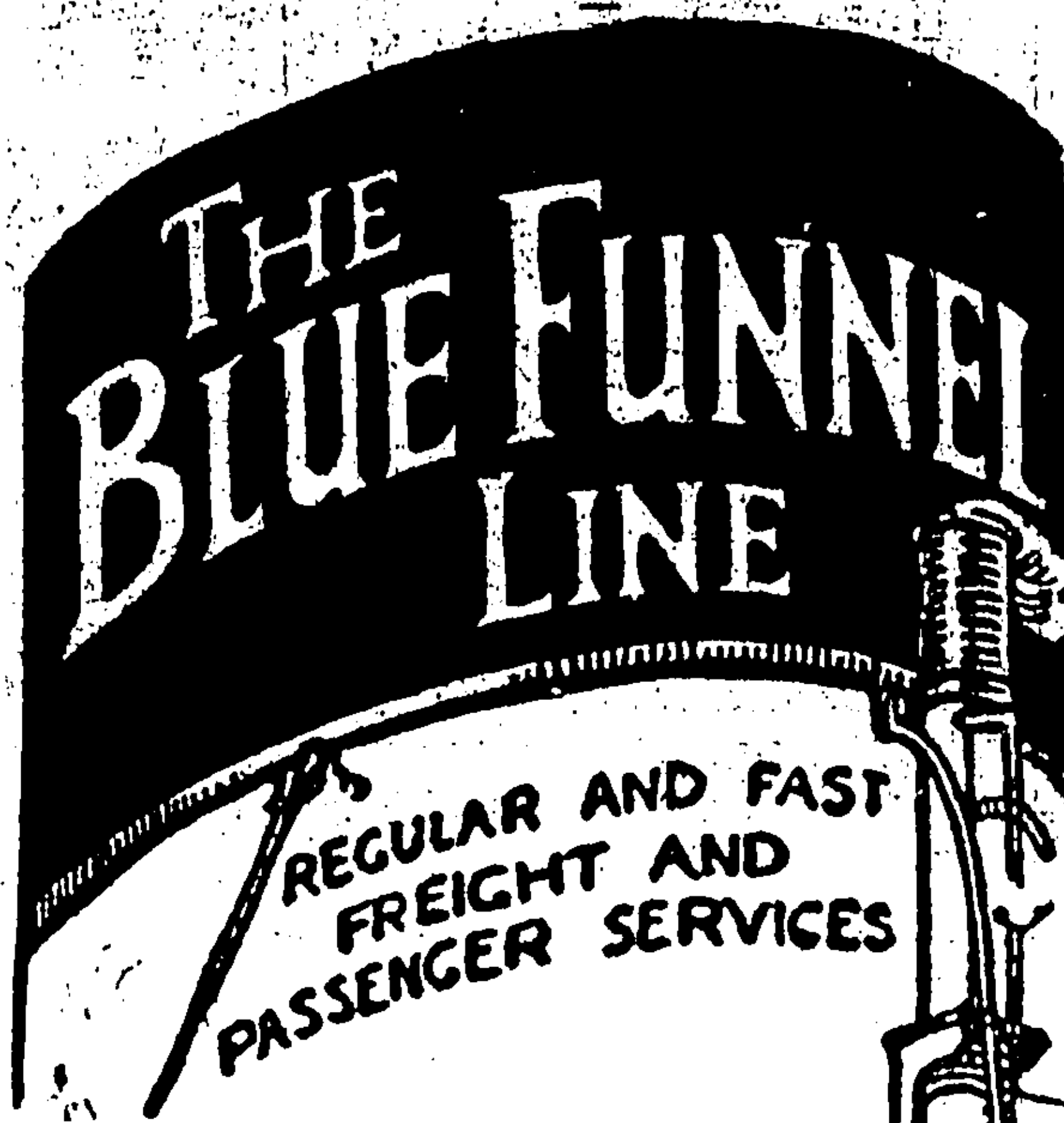
10.00 p.m.—John Ireland—Sonata for Cello & Piano.

1st Mov: Moderato e sostenuto; 2nd Mov: Poco largamente; 3rd Mov: Con moto e marcato. Anton Sala (Cello) and John Ireland (Piano).

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BRITISH GRIT IN A BRITISH SHIP

LORD LOUIS MOUNTBATTEN, COUSIN OF THE KING, REFUSED TO ABANDON AND SINK HIS SHIP, H.M.S. KELLY, WHEN SHE WAS CRIPPLED BY A GERMAN TORPEDO OFF THE ENEMY COAST.

Instead, he and his crew, fighting with the faith and fire of Nelson, used the destroyer as a floating fence to sink a hunted Nazi torpedo-boat — then defied enemy bombing attacks for three days and made port safely.

Kelly was down by the bows, listing heavily to starboard. One of her boilers was shattered. Some of her men were dead and dying. And the Germans boasted that she was sunk.

But to-day Kelly her wounds healed, after seven months in hospital, is in active service again waiting for the Germans to come out and fight.

The epic story that will live for ever in British naval history has been revealed in London.

Words Of Comfort

The story of a captain who found time in the thick of battle to leave his bridge to murmur words of comfort to a dying seaman.

Of a cook who left his stew-pots to man the guns against enemy warplanes.

An Evans was there, too — Engineer Commander Evans, brother of Evans of the Broke.

Kelly was leading a destroyer flotilla in a hunt for German minelayers when out of darkness and North Sea fog a torpedo struck her.

Flame from the explosion flashed above the level of the bridge.

Its force lifted the warship bodily out of the water and blew the foremost boiler room open to the sea killing every man in it.

Amid steam black smoke and explosion fumes H.M.S. Bulldog found Kelly lying like a log in the water and took her in tow as the fog thickened.

Kelly's sick bay was wrecked. In the darkness, working with a few hand torches, the surgeon and attendants worked as, in days past, they toiled in the cockpit of Nelson's Victory.

The men's heroism was in the highest naval tradition.

For hours a stoker, terribly wounded, lay without groaning or complaining.

A telegraphist, aged eighteen wriggled into the wreckage of the main wireless office.

Knowing that if the ship sank he could not escape he gave injections of morphia to five wounded men who were trapped.

Shortly after midnight a German motor-torpedo-boat, pursued by British warships, came streaking out of the fog at 40 knots.

Desperately trying to escape, the German captain attempted to use Kelly as a shield, but instead of a clear run around the Kelly's bows, the enemy found himself faced by a slope of steel.

Striking Bulldog or the quarter in a final bid to escape, the torpedo-boat bounced off on to Kelly's bows and shot down the starboard side, tearing away her whaler motor-boat davits and guard rails.

Her crew were shouting like maniacs as she cannoned off into the fog — and sudden silence.

Judging by the amount of interesting wreckage she had left behind — and the silence — she had foundered.

A naval rating, First-Class Stoker Cave was severely injured.

Then he returned to the bridge — the Nelson touch.

Doc held the man as he died, telling him that his sacrifice had saved other men's lives.

German bombers appeared next morning as the Kelly's wounded were being transferred to H.M.S. Kardahar.

An air escort beat them off. Repeated bombing attacks also failed.

Dead were buried at sea. The wind and sea rose steadily as the Saturday wore on. The Kelly was yawing almost unmanageably.

On the captain's order every man except those needed for the guns was ordered to leave.

Eighteen officers and men selected from a whole ship's company that volunteered to remain on board, were left in Kelly with Lord Louis Mountbatten, who is forty and fought in the last war.

Aircraft reported two enemy submarines in her direct path, and her captain, realising she was merely a sitting target for their torpedoes, decided to transfer his volunteer party temporarily to Bulldog.

All through the hours of darkness the Kelly lay abandoned with the seas churning through her boiler rooms.

And all through the night the escorting destroyers steamed in an endless chain round their stricken leader.

In the dawn two tugs arrived and the volunteer party returned to Kelly and got her in tow. The wind and sea rose again. Waves swept her from end to end. Again the bombers attacked — and failed.

The guns were worked by hand, the crews scrambling over the wreckage from one gun to another as each came to bear on the attacking aircraft.

The able seaman who had volunteered to act as cook kept rushing from his stew pots to his gun and back again in the lulls of his cooking.

He persisted in wearing a large white apron and steel helmet throughout.

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Indians Rise To The Occasion

Beat Baseballers After Extra Time; Still In Running

Omar And Hassan Hold On To Brilliant Catches

By "Grandstand"

ALL THE SOFTBALL GAMES in the Senior League on Sunday were featured by close decisions, but the one which kept the fans on their feet until the last put-out, was the Indian Softballers-Hong Kong Baseballers tilt which went into two extra innings before the Indians downed the Mohawks 7-5 to stay in the pennant race.

Frank Crews, starting for the Baseballers in his initial mound appearance, yielded eight safeties before he was deked in favour of regular hurler Cy "Screwball" Jones, who only allowed three blows for the rest of the game, but they were all bunched up in the ninth for the winning runs.

Crews whiffed one, whilst Jones accounted for two via the same route. Kassa Nazarin went the route for the Indians and spaced seven hits, and neither walked nor fanned any.

Indians' Early Threat

The Indians threatened from the start, when Kitchell and Nazarin both singled, but Ahwoo Omar fled out and "Baby" Abbas hit into a double play for the side to be retired.

The Mohawks drew first blood when lefty left-fielder Hank Sperry slashed a double, and scored on Ahwoo Omar's wild strong-arm heave. In the second both sides were shutout, but the Indians pushed across the tie-breaker in the third, when Tarzan Ismail romped home on a fielder's choice.

In the fifth the Indians chalked up two more markers on three successive safeties. Taking over pitching duties in the sixth, Cy Jones walked Madeen Arculli, who dented the home-plate for another Indian score.

In the Mohawk half of the sixth, Johnnie Schaberg's four-master drove in Hearther and Davis after two down, for the Waggoners to trail one behind, whilst Lou Leight's timely single in the seventh stanza evened the count.

In the first overtime chapter both sides were blanked, but the Indians accounted for two tallies in the second extra session to take the lead. In the Mohawk's home half, Jones was given a life on Kitchell's wild heave but Molthen, Morris and Sperry fled out to end the game.

Two Double-Plays

Two twin-killings were made by the Mohawks, first on a Waggoner-Fitch-Hearther play which snuffed Kitchell and Abbas, and on a Leight to Hearther play, erasing Arculli and Hamet.

Both Ahwoo Omar and Savage Hassan, Indian gardeners brought down sensational catches, the former camping under nine and the latter snaring three, all of which were marked for hits.

Nazarin's three in five, which included a three-bagger, was the best willow performance, whilst Johnnie Schaberg's homer with ducks in the pond, was the longest clout of the game.

Last-Minute Victory

Although the Chinese Baseballers out-hit the Recreio Aces 12-8, the latter snatched a last-inning victory from the Liumen. Both sides fielded scratch teams, the Rees being augmented by roping in Billy Soares and Luigi Gosano from their junior team, whilst the Chinese Baseballers, in the absence of the U.S.S. Mindanao from port, had to utilise the services of Vic Lim and Kenny Wong, the last-named being the answer to every pitcher's prayer in his three trips to the plate and back again.

The Chinese Baseballers went into a hitting spree in the initial frame and tallied four times, but were held scoreless for the remainder of the game.

The Aces scored one in each of the first two chapters and again in the fifth, Nick Beltrao's sacrifice in the sixth driving in Eddie Gosano for the tying marker.

With their last time at bat coming up, Luigi Gosano, who had remained hitless all afternoon, rapped a single and scored on Caco Marques' single.

Chinese first-batter Tommy Chan and Caco Marques both had perfect batting days, both clouting a neat 1,000 in four trips.

Johnnie Alvares, on the mound

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE

SENIOR LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
St. Joseph's	8	2	.800
Indians	8	3	.727
Hong Kong Baseballers	7	3	.700
Cyclones	6	4	.600
Recreio Aces	5	4	.556
Chinese Baseballers	3	5	.375
Filipinos	2	7	.222
Canadian Chinese	0	11	.000

JUNIOR LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
Chung Hwa	9	1	.900
V.R.C.	8	1	.889
R.A.F.	6	3	.667
Recreio Bees	6	3	.667
Cosmos	6	4	.600
South China	4	4	.500
Liga Portuguesa	3	5	.375
Royal Scots	3	5	.375
8th R.A.	3	7	.300
Central Britishers	1	8	.111
Royal Engineers	0	7	.000

LADIES' LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
Canadian Chinese	9	1	.900
Wildcats	9	1	.900
Wahoos	9	2	.818
Panthers	7	5	.583
Cardinals	6	6	.500
Ramblerettes	3	9	.250
Little Flowers	1	9	.100
Chung Hwa	0	11	.000

INTER HONG LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
Hong Kong Bankers	3	0	1.000
Texaco Oilers	4	1	.800
Shell Oilers	3	1	.750
Chartered Bankers	1	1	.500
Lacas	2	2	.500
Cables	0	4	.000
Greenspots	0	4	.000

GIRLS' LEAGUE

CANADIANS SUFFER SEASON'S FIRST REVERSE

By "Grandstand"

CANADIAN CHINESE suffered their first setback of the softball season when, on Sunday, they were humiliated by the Wildcats by 11-2 for the League leadership to be tied.

Toeing the rubber for the Maple Leafs, Mary Ng started off like a four-alarm blaze in a mattress factory as she smoked them past five bewildered Wildcats in the first two frames, but she lost her control when hindsnatcher Dot Louie was knocked cold by stopping a foul tip off Gloria Mai with her eye.

Besides fanning five, Mary issued three free tickets to first, was guilty of two wild pitches and was combed for nine safeties.

Wildcat slabstress Theima Col-laco gave a sterling performance by chucking a two-hitter, walking two and fanning two.

No Score

Both sides were shut out in the initial chapter, although Canuck-kette hurler Mabel Dunn took a

stroll to first, only to be nailed at the pay-off station, whilst in the Wildcats' half with the willow, Irene Pereira waved at three fast ones for the first strikeout.

In the second frame, Dot Louie was given a life by Gloria Mai's wild heave and scored on Mavis Chan's single, but Wildcat Cynthia "Sailor" da Motta came through with a timely single to tie the count.

In the fourth two more Wild-cats runs came over the pan on two hits helped by three Canuck-kette bobbles. Taking advantage of the Canuckette crack-up, the Untamed Felines let loose a barrage of hits to put the issue beyond doubt.

Catcher Cynthia da Motta was in perfect slugging form, in her four turns with the hickory, connecting safely three times and driving in four runs for her side.

Her three hits included a two-bagger, the only extra-base clout of the game. Centre-fielder Virginia Chu also returned a brilliant two-in-three.

Chung Hwa Massacred

In the Cardinals-Chung Hwa merry-go-round the Redbirds chalked up a 25-1 victory in a five-inning massacre in which Chung Hwa hurler Fungie Law was nicked for 15 safeties, whilst her mates were only able to collect two blows off Cardinal hurler Etegrina Babida.

Homers were belted in by Babida, Gladys Hutchinson and Marie Roza.

In the Baby Panthers-Recreio Ramblerettes tussle, the Panthers pulled their game out of the fire by a four-run rally in the sixth. The Pantherettes were without the services of regular short-stop Regina Xavier and left-fielder Norma Silva, Patsy Ribeiro and Celeste Guterres being thrown in to fill the breach.

Lelia Xavier, on the hillock for the Panthers, fanned three and walked one, whilst Gerry Jorge, on the slab for the Ramblerettes, whiffed two and passed three.

Pantherette Celeste Marques banged in the only circuit clout, whilst Therea Marques accounted for both two-baggers. Hilda Soares returned a perfect batting figure in three times.

JUNIORS

League Leaders Just Win

By "Grandstand"

In the Junior Softball circuit on Sunday both the Chung Hwa and V.R.C. pennant chasers, had narrow squeaks, when they both eked out narrow victories after trailing behind for the greater part of the game.

In the opener at Chatham Road, Chung Hwa triumphed over the South China nine by 6-4 with a four-run attack in the fourth after the latter had the lead from the start. South China lost their chance when they had the sacks choked with only one away, but got crossed up on a squeeze play.

Al Lau started on the mound for Chung Hwa but was relieved by P. F. "Clutch-Hurler" Choy. Bill Quon and Cecil Winglee went the route for Nam Hwa and the

longest hit of the day was a triple belted by Al Lau.

In the V.R.C.-Cosmos clash, the Crusaders pulled the game out of the fire by two timely spurges of runs in the fifth and sixth, which netted them 13 markers. Sonny "Jock" Brown drew the pitching assignment for the Victorians, fanning four and walking one whilst Blas, tossing them over for the Cosmos, whiffed one and passed three.

Cosmos Take Lead

Bimby (The Blimp) Ablong singled in the initial frame, but Roy Maxwell hit into a double play for a V.R.C. bank inning. The Cosmos jumped into the lead with a four-hit three-run start, but both sides were blanked in the next session.

In the third, Manuel Roza dented the counting station on a tumble for the first V.R.C. tally, but the Cosmos came back with two more.

Roy Maxwell, Alec Azedo and Cecil Quinn went out in one-two-three order in the fourth.

Regaining their form somewhat, the Crusaders shellacked hurler Blas for eight safeties in the next two stanzas to sew up the game.

Ernie Ribeiro clouted the only homer of the fracas, whilst Bimby Ablong and Blas shared batting honours with two safeties each in their three trips to the platter.

Tony Sandberg, A. Smirke and Willie Woo completed the only twin-killing of the game when they erased Roy Maxwell and Bimby Ablong in the first.

Gunners Cause Upset

In the night-cap, the 8th R.A. created the upset of the week by humbling the Kai Tak Airmen by 7-2.

CREWE CLOSING DOWN

Crewe Alexandra F.C. are likely to close down for the second half of the season unless they are better supported.

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Losers Score First But Go Down 1-4

ST. ANDREW'S SHOULD BEAT K'LOON TONG

With the fixture between the two best-balanced teams — Chung Wah and Recreio — postponed until Friday, this evening's Junior Division Badminton matches offer little of interest.

Under normal circumstances, the St. Andrew's-Kowloon Tong fixture would have been a good one but Kowloon Tong will be without many of their usual players owing to injuries and other reasons, whereas the Saints will be at full strength.

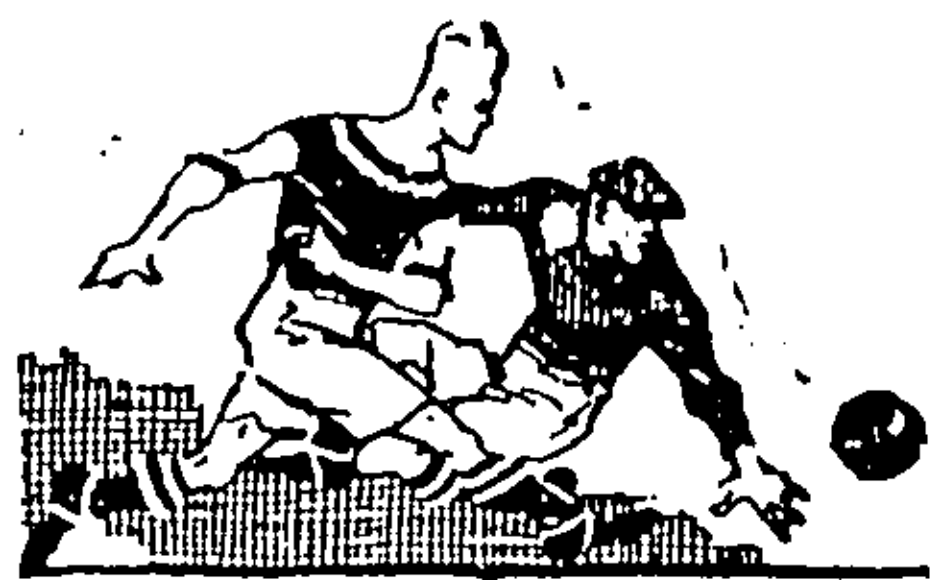
The suburbanites have not a combination like Fincher and Kew and this will make all the difference; the home team should win.

In other matches, King's College should have little difficulty against Victoria Recreation Club, while Kowloon Cricket Club should secure another win, this time at the expense of Police.

Following is the programme and some of the teams:

Programme

King's College v V.R.C.
P.R.C. v K.C.C.
St. Andrew's v Kowloon Tong
King's College: S. P. Chan and K. J. Attwell; V. C. Chung and K. L. Lai; K. H. Lo and T. Lam.
V.R.C.: D. M. Nasser and S. A. Rumjahn; A. Ho and M. M. de V. Soares; F. Castro and A. A. Remedios.
P.R.C.: W. Gilles and I. Gordon; C. Y. Sit and J. Shepherd; H. Dingsdale and J. Ferner.
St. Andrew's: E. F. Fincher and H. Kew; A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray; M. M. Davies and B. Gilliespie.
Kowloon Tong: Peter Lo and M. S. Lee; R. E. Lee and S. C. Chan; J. A. Chan and R. M. Lavelle.



FOOTBALL FIXTURES AT HOME

The following are Home football fixtures for Feb. 8:—

LONDON CUP

Aldershot v Queen's P.R.; Brentford v Fulham; Crystal P. v Chelsea; Arsenal v Clapton O.; Reading v Millwall; West Ham v Tottenham.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE (SOUTH)
Bournemouth v Southend;
Portsmouth v Southampton; Watford v Brighton.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE WAR CUP (Preliminary Round)
Blackpool v Stockport; Bradford C. v Bolton; Crewe v Southport; Sheffield W. v York.

NORTH REGIONAL
Barnsley v Bradford; Blackburn v Halifax; Burnley v Bury; Hull v Chesterfield; Liverpool v Everton; Middlesbrough v Newcastle; Oldham v Manchester C.; Preston v Sheffield U.; Rochdale v Grimsby.

SOUTH REGIONAL
Cardiff v Bristol; Mansfield v Notts F.

INTERNATIONAL
(At Newcastle)
England v Scotland.

T. WHITLEY IN GREAT FORM

By "Sportshawk"

At King's Park yesterday afternoon, Hong Kong Hockey Club defeated Indian Army by 4 goals to 1 in the Quadrangular Hockey Tournament after leading by 3 goals to 1 at the interval.

A. E. P. Guest, inside-left, who has been on the injured list since Sunday, and Morgan, left-wing, were absentees from the Club team but their places were taken by B. T. Gosano and J. Gonçalves, respectively.

Bond and Taylor were a good pair of backs for Club. They kept the solid, out for the most part of the game, while W. A. Reed distinguished himself in the pivotal position.

In attack, Smith and T. Whitley combined well and they both gave good support to their leader, E. Fowler.

T. Whitley was the outstanding player in the Club team.

For the losers, Hav. Faqr Mohd, inside-right, played a brilliant all-round game. He showed very good stick work, which brought to mind Pashub Singh, of Kumaon Rules, former Colony player.

Hav. Bhag Singh held his position well at left half, while Nk. Ajub Hussain was impressive in defence.

Indians Score First

The Indians drew first blood through Hav. Faqr Mohd about three minutes after the whistle, but T. Whitley equalised for Club shortly after. The same player added a further goal to place Club in the lead, and E. Fowler netted the last goal for the first period.

Smith scored the only second-half goal for Club.

Club: Benwell; Bond and Taylor; McLellan, W. A. Reed and N. Whitley; Smith, T. Whitley, E. Fowler, B. T. Gosano and J. Gonçalves.

Indian Army: — Lt. M. A. Ansari; Capt. W. S. Wood and Nk. Ajub Hussain; Nk. Murad Khan; Hav. Amanat Ali and Hav. Bhag Singh; Hav. Aziz Mohd. Faqr Mohd, Sep. Nasir Mohd, Gur. Sahai Singh and L/Nk. Wassan Singh.

REFEREES' MEETING

The monthly meeting of Football Referees' Association was held at the Hotel Cecil last evening. Mr. H. Beard was in the chair, assisted by Mr. J. F. de Silva, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

A proposal to request the Football Association to award referees and linesmen with souvenirs in the form of whistles and medals when officiating at senior and junior shield final and Interport games was shelved until more prosperous times.

After routine matters had been disposed of, the Chairman called on R.M.S. Ford to address the meeting.

ARSENAL'S SPORTING GESTURE

As a gesture of sympathy with the difficulties in which Northampton found themselves recently, when five of their players failed to appear, Mr. George Allison, the Arsenal manager, has offered two further fixtures between the clubs this season.

Mr. A. C. J. Sherwin, chairman of Stoke City F.C. from 1924 to 1936, has died.

13 ENTRIES FOR CHESS TOURNEY

Opening matches for the Colony Junior Chess Championship will be played on Thursday, February 13. Fifteen entries have been received, and the draw, made on Monday, resulted as follows:—

A. Kurrik v Un Kwai-yung; A. Morton v William Lee; R. C. Gardner v J. Grefalda; V. V. Kolachoff v J. H. d'Almeida; R. C. Danenberg v A. Y. Biriukoff; To Yu-lau v J. Tausz; D. Drake v A. C. Poupard.

Bye, E. M. Petrov.

The draw for white and black will be announced with the issue of the round by round programme.

The games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays on or before the dates set out in the programme. Games adjourned will be completed within a fortnight of the adjournment and all matches will be played at the Peninsula Hotel.

LEAGUE MATCH POSTPONED

The First Division League Cricket match between Kowloon Cricket Club and Civil Service for Saturday has been postponed to a later date.

The following will represent Civil Service in Second Division against Indian R.C. at Sookunpoo:

H. E. Strange, G. Ainslie, J. Barrow, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, J. F. MacGowan, J. Mitchell, H. Parrott, N. L. Smith and A. Watson.

ARMY RUGBY

Two games were played in the Large Units Army Rugby League at Sookunpoo yesterday and resulted in Middlesex beating Combined Small Units, and Engineers, winners of the Small Units Competition, beating Royal Artillery.

In the first game between Middlesex and Combined Small Units the former won by a penalty goal, a try and a goal (11 points) to a try (3 points).

Berry, Burrell, Freshwater and Man were the outstanding players for the Middlesex regiment while Sheehan also put in some good work.

Middlesex opened the scoring through Berry who kicked a penalty goal and shortly after Freshwater after a good run down the field passed to Burrell who scored a fine try which was converted by Berry.

In the second half, Macdonald scored for Small Units but Freshwater made the game safe when he beat off several opponents to score a try which Berry failed to convert.

Last-Minute Win

In the other game Engineers, winners of the Small Units competition, snatched a last-minute win by three tries (9 points) to a goal and a try (8 points) over Royal Artillery.

Engineers took the lead early in the game when Davis broke through but Birrell failed to convert.

Easterbrook scored a try for Gunners which Keeble converted.

In the second half Gunners scored through Marsh but Pearce failed with the kick. Birrell reduced the lead but failed to convert and in the closing minutes Foley gave his side a win.

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ADM. DARLAN REPORTS BACK TO MARSHAL PETAIN

Reinstatement Of Laval Believed Conceded

Negotiation In Paris To Continue

ADMIRAL DARLAN REACHED VICHY FROM PARIS LAST NIGHT AND CONFERRED IMMEDIATELY WITH MARSHAL PETAIN.

It is believed in Vichy he will return to Paris "shortly"—probably to-day or Thursday — "to inform the other parties in the negotiations there of the Marshal's attitude" — presumably towards the reinstatement of Pierre Laval.

Earlier reports had said Laval would accompany Admiral Darlan to Vichy, the Marshal having accepted the German demand for his reinstatement in the Cabinet.

These reports added that the Vichy Government would probably be eliminated.

Meanwhile Paul Baudoin, who was Marshal Petain's first Foreign Minister and afterwards Secretary of State to the Prime Minister, is stated to have been given a new post.

This, according to the official German news agency, is the presidency of the administrative council of the Bank of Indo-China.

Nazi Broadcast Warning To France

A warning to France not to place her hopes in a British victory was broadcast in French by the German radio station at Stuttgart last night.

The speaker said such an attitude showed "inexcusable frivolity bordering on high treason," and added:

"Unless all Frenchmen make up their minds to carry out without delay the readjustment indispensable in the political, economic and social spheres, the difficulties under which France is labouring far from being relieved, will worsen—possibly with disastrous speed."—Reuter.

Decision Expected In A Few Days

Vichy is expected to reach a decision about the reinstatement of Laval in the next few days, according to a Geneva despatch to the official German news agency.

Laval considers it necessary, if he is recalled to the Government, to be given "far-reaching powers," the despatch adds.—Reuter.

Situation Obscure

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The situation in France continues obscure. Admiral Darlan has had a long talk with M. Laval, but the results are not disclosed.

Admiral Darlan's subsequent interview with Marshal Petain lasted for 90 minutes, and it is officially indicated that the negotiations in Paris have not been broken off.

A German News Agency report states that the reinstatement of M. Laval has not yet been confirmed. — International News Service.

NIEMOELLER NOT TO BE RELEASED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Martin Niemoeller, the German Protestant pastor now in a Nazi concentration camp, who is reported to have turned Roman Catholic, is not likely to be released before the war is over.

German Government circles indicated this in Berlin yesterday in commenting on a report that the fighting pastor, who commanded a U-boat in the last war and defied Hitler from his pulpit, had renounced the Protestant faith.

It had been rumoured that his conversion and renunciation of his former Pastoral duties would remove the chief obstacle to his release from concentration camp, where he has been held since 1937.

Now it appears that Niemoeller will remain under arrest. — International News Service.

STOP PRESS

Seven United States Governors, namely those of South Carolina, North Carolina, Florida, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Virginia, have wired the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee approving the British Aid Bill, which they regard as "essential for the safety of the nation."—Reuter.

Mr. L. Currie, President Roosevelt's representative, proceeding to Chungking on a fact-finding mission, arrived in Hong Kong this afternoon by Clipper. He was met by a personal representative of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and other prominent Chinese officials. H.E. the Acting Governor was also represented. Mr. Currie told the "China Mail" that he was unable to elaborate on the statement he made in Manila.

General Robert Wood, Chairman of the American First Committee, testifying before the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, expressed the view that there was "a possibility of the United States being engaged in war within 90 days if the British Aid Bill is passed." — Reuter.

Starting the second day of the debate on the British Aid Bill in the House of Representatives, James Richards renounced his former isolationist stand and urged Congress to pass the Bill, saying: "It would be cowardly to defeat the Bill the passage of which would make the Dictators fear."—Reuter.

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PARIS POLICE PREFECT DETAINED

Roger Langeron, Paris police prefect, has been dismissed from his post and is held under detention, according to a report described as coming "from reliable quarters" to the German official news agency yesterday.

Langeron was appointed in 1934. — Reuter.

TWO TRAWLERS LOST

The sinking of two trawlers, the Relonzo and Luda Lady, was announced yesterday in an Admiralty communiqué which added there was no loss of life in Luda Lady. — Reuter.

TURKEY'S DEFENCES

It was announced in Ankara last night that the members of the British military mission, Lieut.-General Marshall-Cornwall and Air Vice-Marshal Elmhurst have left on a tour of inspection of Turkish defences in the Dardanelles and at other points.

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